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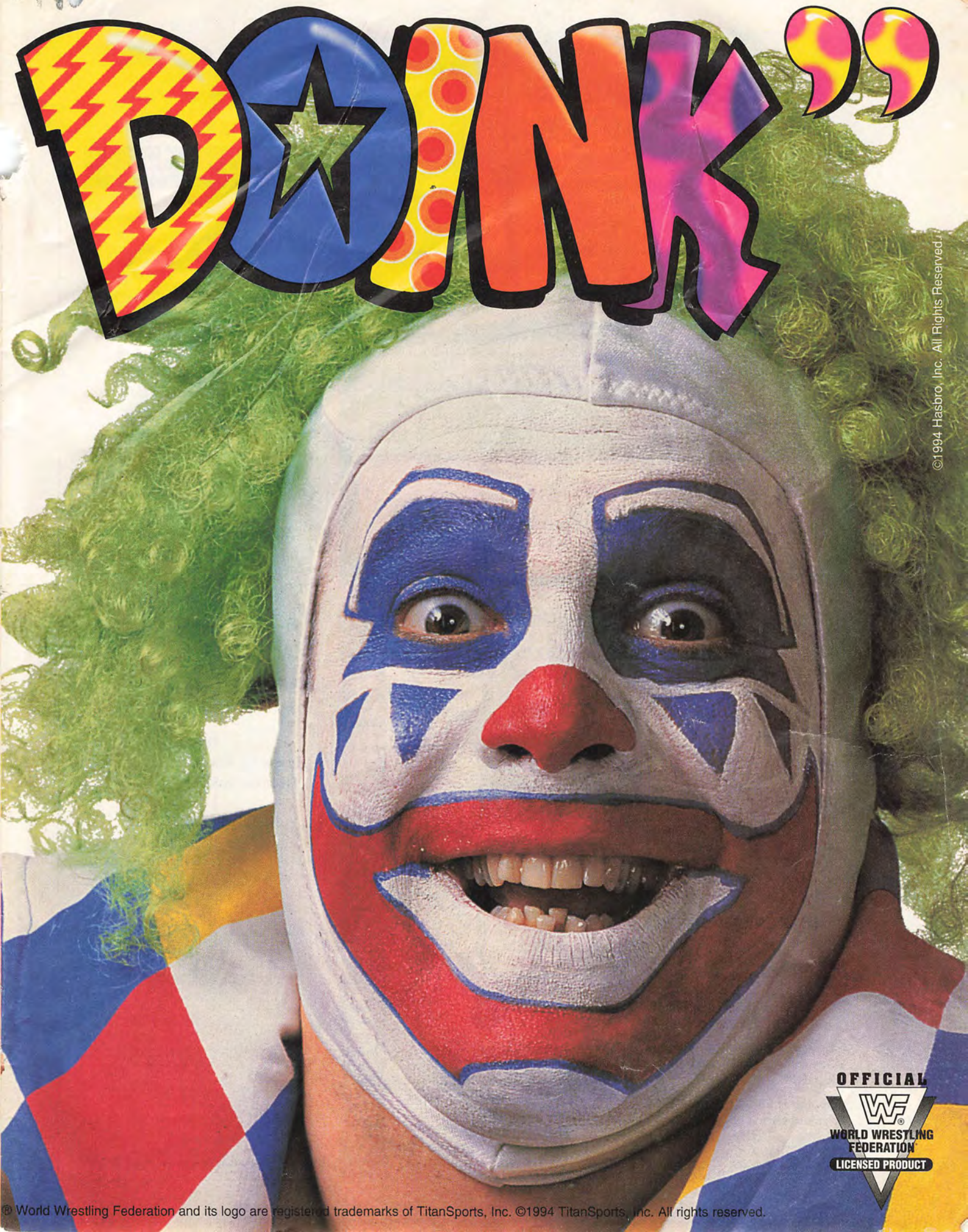


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# LETTERS

## Owen Hart—Is he the real Federation Champion?

### TAKING THE EDITOR TO THE MAT The Fans Speak Out!

Dear Editor,  
Do you really think that Bret Hart had his all in that title match with his brother at *WrestleMania X*? I don't think so. Not if you've seen everything that the Hit Man has done. He doesn't have to prove to anyone that he is the best. Beating his brother Owen won't prove anything! The guy won the belt fair and square. Why don't you leave him alone? It was his dream. He followed it, so let him have it!

Christine White  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Editor,  
While reading the June 1994 issue, we came across an article where you insinuated that Owen Hart was the real Federation Champion. The fact that we are Bret Hart fans has nothing to do with our writing this letter. The fact is that your claims and Owen Hart's claims are ludicrous!

We feel that Owen is a cry-baby. What he needs to do is stop whining and crying about not getting any recognition. If he really wanted to step out of Bret's shadow, then why doesn't he get his own image instead of using Bret's stuff? Bret looks

good in pink; Owen doesn't. To us it seems that Owen wants to be in Bret's shadow—or be Bret. And we all know that will never happen because Bret is the best there is, the best there was and the best there ever will be!

Mary Allen & Tanika Jones  
Rochester, New York

Dear Editor,  
In your article you make great play of the fact that at *WrestleMania X* Owen beat his brother. However, on the March '94 United Kingdom Revenge Tour at the Royal Albert Hall, where I was lucky enough to be near ringside to see the action, Bret beat Owen in a World Title Match—in spectacular manner. What I object to so strongly is the fact that this was not mentioned once in your article. You continually harped on about Owen's victory over Bret as if that alone was the only thing that mattered.

Granted, Owen Hart is an outstanding athlete and will no doubt ascend to greater heights, but, given his older brother's phenomenal record, do you really think that Owen could have pulled off the many astounding victories over opponents

such as Yokozuna, Razor Ramon and Bam Bam Bigelow—as Bret Hart has? When he does, I might be ready to agree with you!

Keturah Robinson  
Canterbury, United Kingdom

Dear Editor,  
I read your article in the June issue of the magazine, and I disagree with one thing that you said: that Owen Hart should be the World Wrestling Federation Champion.

Bret is the true champion because the fans respect him, and he returns that respect to the fans. Owen, on the other hand, has a major ego problem.

When Bret and Owen meet again, my money goes on Bret. Owen's jealousy of his brother will get in his way. BIG BROTHER WILL WIN IN THE END!!!

Jeanell Southall  
Ripley, West Virginia

Dear Editor,  
I'm writing in reference to your completely unbelievable work of fiction in the *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, U.K. edition, June 1994.

Owen Hart won the match at *WrestleMania X* because he had an older brother who—despite Owen's despicable behavior—cared too much about his pathetic baby brother and

gave Owen an easier time than he would have had anyone else. However, just because Owen won one match BEFORE Bret regained his title doesn't give him the right to call himself the real champion.

Owen's comments that Bret is denying him rematches are ludicrous! How does Owen explain the chances he received in the U.K. just days after *WrestleMania X*? Plus, the countless chances he has had on the Revenge Tour in the U.S.? Just how many chances does this no-hoper need?

If you want the fans to take your magazine seriously, then present the truth and not fairy tales like this article!

Lynne Enderson  
Essex, England

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# NEWS BEAT

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## HE'S COMING

He's coming.

A 450-pound ruthless monster who vows to take no prisoners.

He's coming.

A punishing force with whom many World Wrestling Federation Superstars are extremely familiar.

He's coming.

A legend of the squared circle.

A brutal gladiator that many wrestlers prayed would never return to the ring.

He's coming.

He's putting the tights back on for one reason, and that one reason is none other than Bret "Hit Man" Hart.

He's coming home.

## Hart-Less

Jim "The Anvil" Neid-

hart said that he would be there. "I'll be a partner to the end," he informed Bret Hart. "I'll always be there for you."

And he was there for him. At *King of the Ring*, Anvil was instrumental in helping the Hit Man retain his Championship Belt. However, when the match ended, the Anvil mysteriously went back to the locker room as Diesel and Shawn Michaels feverishly pummeled the Hit Man.

The mystery was quickly solved when Neidhart again showed up ringside, only this time it was to assist Owen Hart in the defeat of Razor Ramon. The treachery helped turn Owen from the Rocket into the King of Harts.

"I was in Bret's corner for one reason, and that was to ensure that Bret kept his belt," commented Neidhart. "We wanted him to keep his Championship Belt in that bout because nobody—but the King of Harts—is going to strip him of it!

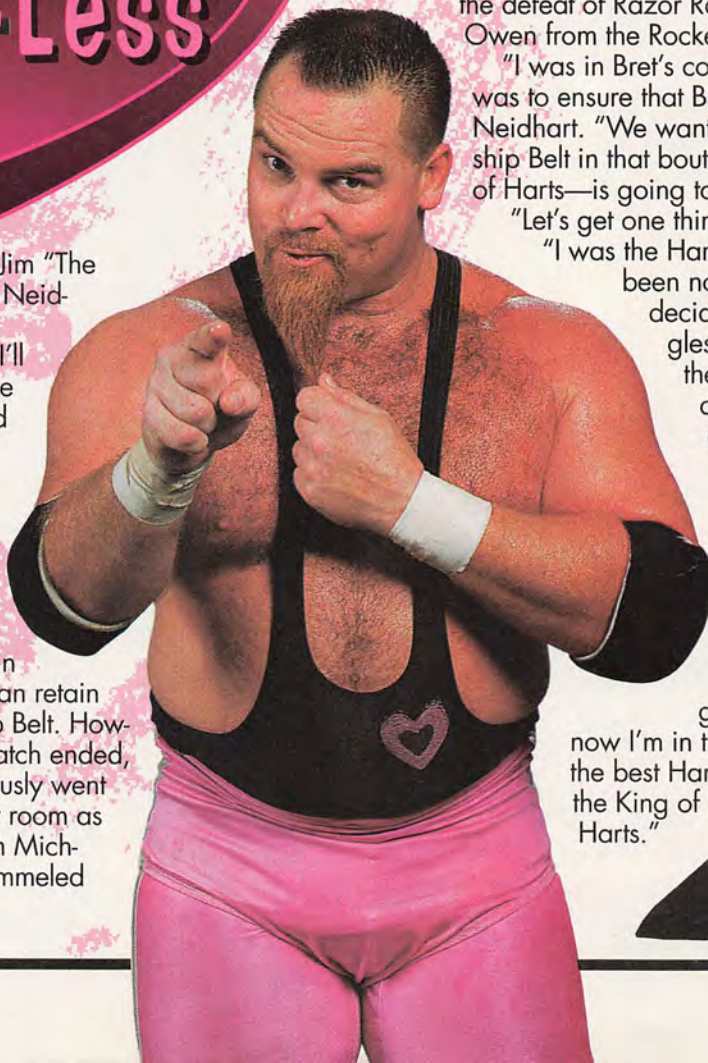
"Let's get one thing straight," continued Neidhart.

"I was the Hart Foundation. Bret would have been nothing without me. Even when he decided to go off on his own into singles competition, it didn't stop. Over the past few years, Bret Hart has called me at my home on many occasions, asking me for advice.

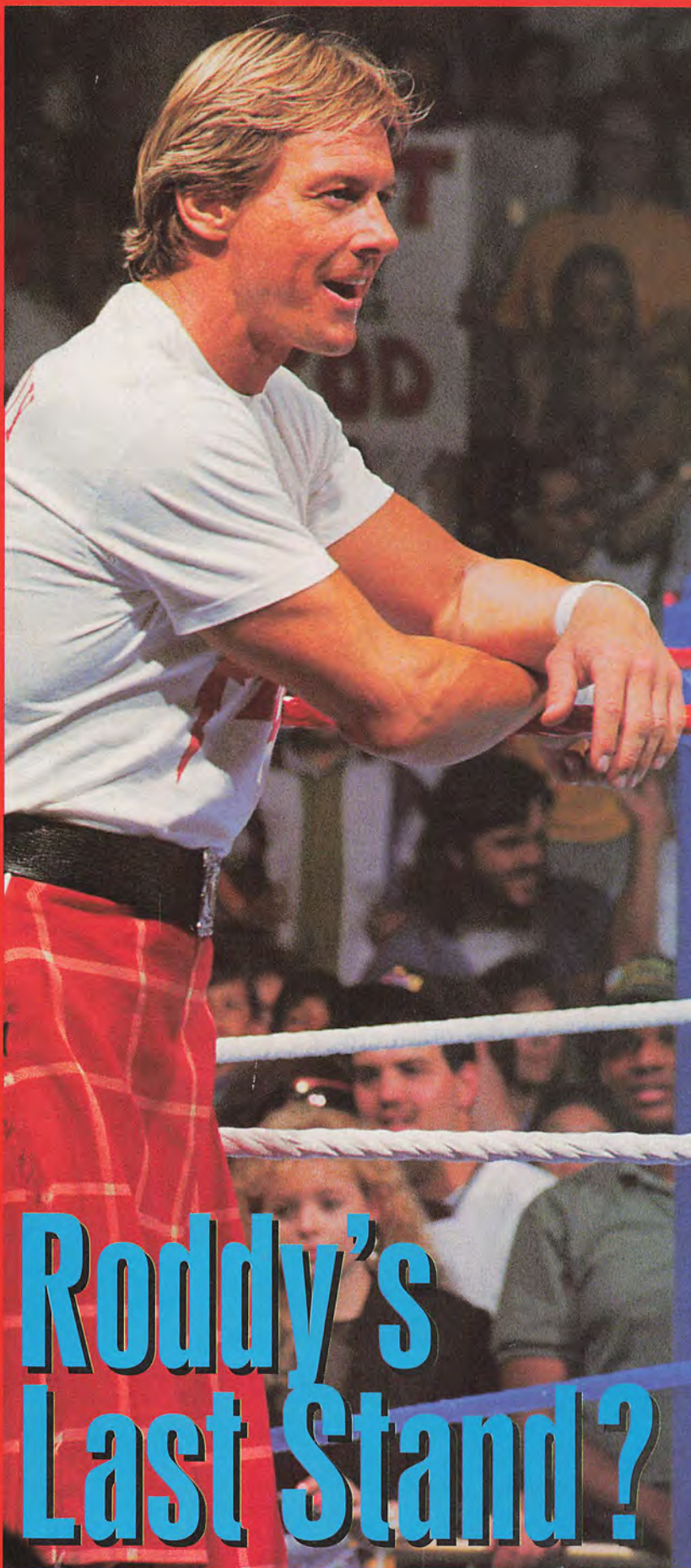
I gave him my advice, and what happened to him? Nothing but success. But you know what really bugs me? After all that I've done for him, I have not even received as much as a THANK YOU! NOTHING!

I haven't gotten one bit of gratification. So

now I'm in the corner of the best Hart—the King of Harts."





A color photograph of Roddy Piper in a wrestling ring. He is wearing a white t-shirt and red plaid pants, leaning on the ropes with a determined expression. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators.

**N**one of us will ever forget the blaring of the bagpipes. The music that was ever so sweet to the ears of his adoring fans. Then there was the boxing match with Mr. T, the cutting of the late Adorable Adrian Adonis' hair, the destruction of the flower shop and my personal favorite—the coconuting of Jimmy Superfly Snuka in his infamous pit. Ah yes, *Piper's Pit*. For the fans it was a forum we all savored, but for his guests—it was a living hell.

The memories are far too many to mention. There will never be another Rowdy Roddy Piper. Following his triumphant return at *King of the Ring*, I asked Piper if the fans of the World Wrestling Federation would ever have the privilege of seeing him don the tights again. Here's what the Hot Rod had to say: "I don't know. If it was a good cause, I might give it one more shot. You know, I just saw a new commercial by the Federation—the old generation versus the new generation. And I just want to say that Bret Hart is the best champion I've ever seen.

"I think that the torch ought to be passed on to the new generation. They're better trained, they're smarter and they're just all-around better kids. They also have just as much heart as we did. One thing about the old generation is that they never want to pass the torch on. They want to say, 'Hey, we did it' and 'It was only us' and 'We'll never be superseded.' Well, that's a bunch of baloney. I'm real proud of the new generation and what they're doing, and they're going to carry it on to a newer height; I'm not sure if I can keep up with it. Bottom line!"

# Roddy's Last Stand?



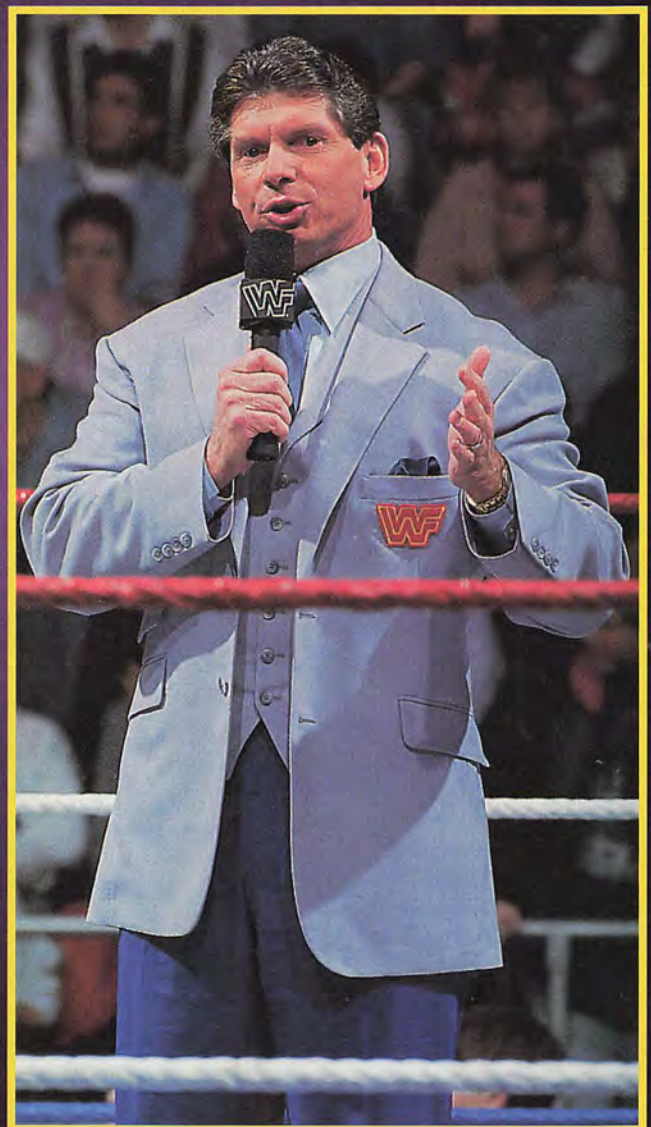


## THE INFORMER

**T**here's big, big talk that a major superstar is on his way BACK to the World Wrestling Federation. At this point I can't confirm who it is, but I can confirm that the last time we saw him was at *WrestleMania III*.....There is also some talk that an ex-Federation champion may soon be finding his way back home.....Here's a bombshell. Rumor has it that Lex Luger and Bret Hart were hairs away from brawling at a recent *Monday Night Raw* that took place at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. It appeared that after the dynamic duo defeated Yokozuna and Crush in a tag match, Luger contested that Hart "hogged" too much of the ring time....On his first day back with the Federation, Jim Neidhart cold-cocked referee Danny Davis from behind, literally knocking him senseless. It seemed that this had something to do with some "unfinished" business concerning the Hart Foundation. Ironically enough, Bret Hart ran to the aid of the fallen referee....Having coming off a successful series of matches against Harvey Wippleman, I overheard Howard Finkel boasting to the 1-2-3 Kid that he thought he could "easily" take on Luna Vachon. I don't think so, Howard.....A reliable source of mine informed me—the Informer—that he spotted none other than Mr. Fuji and MABEL at a sushi bar—TOGETHER! What they were discussing? He didn't know....Alundra Blayze and Bam Bam Bigelow both arrived at the arena courtesy of their Harley-Davidsons.....Now that Ted DiBiase is managing the Undertaker, could a return of Brother Love be far behind?.....Randy Savage was on the

phone in a heavy conversation with his good friend George Steinbrenner.....A reliable source told me that the late Grand Wizard of Wrestling may be getting inducted into the World Wrestling Hall of Fame next year....Neck surgery prevented Vince McMahon from attending *King of the Ring*. It was the first pay-per-view event that McMahon has ever missed.....

After "accidentally" stepping on Dink's ring coat, Diesel was kicked in the shin by the brave clown. Diesel, however, wasn't amused. He picked up Dink and threw him in a nearby plastic garbage receptacle...Nikolai Volkoff was washing Ted DiBiase's limousine....Razor Ramon failed to break his nose this trip.....Until next time..... **WF**



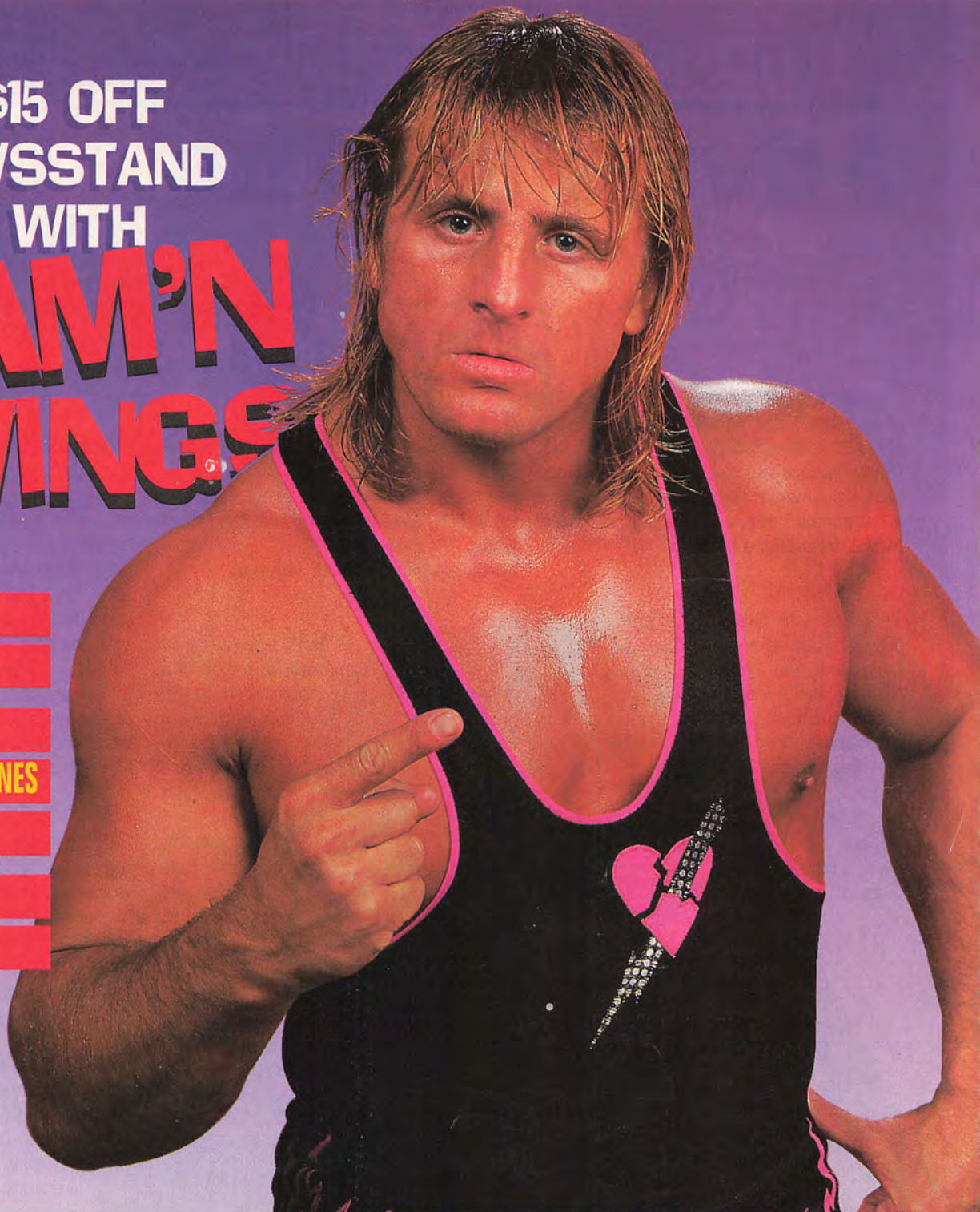
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## Advice To The LOVELORN

Dear Shawn,

I've got a huge problem. I have a girlfriend, but I like somebody else. I don't know if I should dump my girlfriend or try to balance two relationships. I'm sure that this has happened to you before. What should I do?

Mixed-up in Massachusetts

Dear Mixed-Up,

This has also happened to me. What you do is balance them both. Are you kidding? Chicks don't know. They don't know anything. You just keep them happy, and no one's the wiser. Especially women!

Dear Shawn,

There's a boy at school that I really like. My problem is that he and I disagree on one thing: He thinks you are a total loser, and I have always been a big fan of yours. What should I do?

Needing Advice in North Carolina

Dear North Carolina,

I don't see how you and this guy can have anything in common. Face it, relationships are based on mutual agreement, and this guy has got to know that I'm the greatest

athlete around. If he doesn't—he's not the guy for you.

Dear Shawn,

GROW UP!!! You really do have too high an opinion of yourself. The Heartbreak Kid? Give me a break. I know a lot of girls that would have nothing to do with you. No REAL woman wants to be treated like an object! You mention that you are every woman's dream? PLEASE! My dream man is my husband. It always has been, and it always will be! Mortified in Missouri

Dear Mortified,

Let me set you straight. I am Shawn Michaels, the sexiest man alive. I treat women the way that I do, and that's my business. I've had NO problem getting women. I'm not saying my advice will work for everyone, since everyone is not me. No one comes close to me, HONEY, especially that geek husband of yours.

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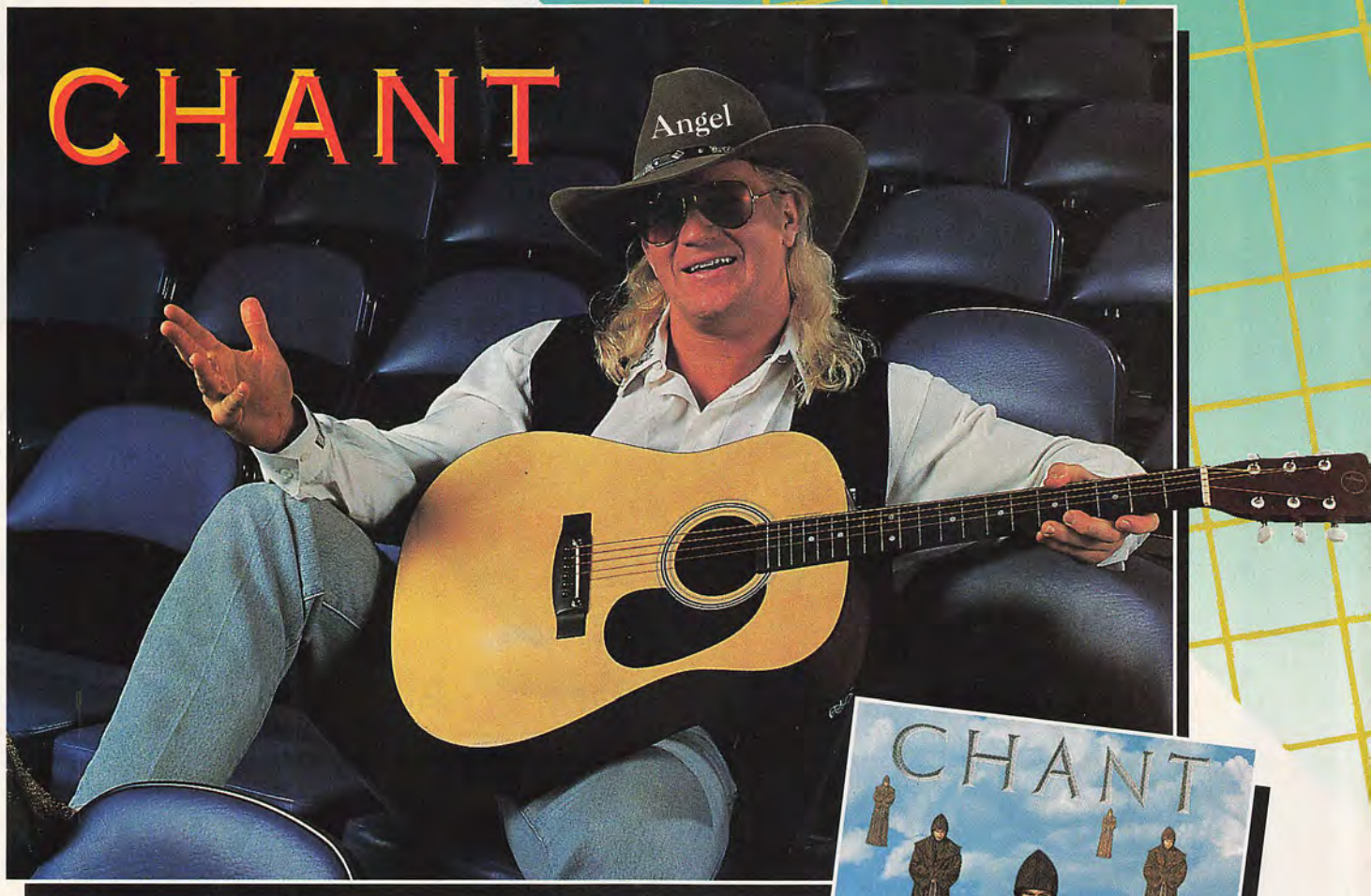
Look, anytime that the Heartbreak Kid is exposed to the public, the public comes running. Chicks dig me, kids dig me, everybody digs me. But I have to let everybody know that this is strictly an advice column. Keep the marriage proposals and the gifts to yourself. On second thought, strike that. Send the gifts, but remember—you're not going to get anything back from the Heartbreak Kid!

If you are one of the lovelorn out there seeking advice, please drop a line to **Shawn Michaels at World Wrestling Federation Magazine, P.O. Box 3859, Stamford, CT 06902.**





## ALBUM REVIEW OF THE MONTH



**Y**OU KNOW, I SAT BACK IN MY MANSION IN HENDERSONVILLE, TENNESSEE, BIG DOUBLE J LAND—AS I LIKE TO CALL IT SOMETIMES—AND I LISTENED TO THIS MUSIC AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, “MY LORD, CHANTING IS SELLING.” I LOOKED IN *BILLBOARD* AND WHAT IS IT? THE NO. 5 SELLER.

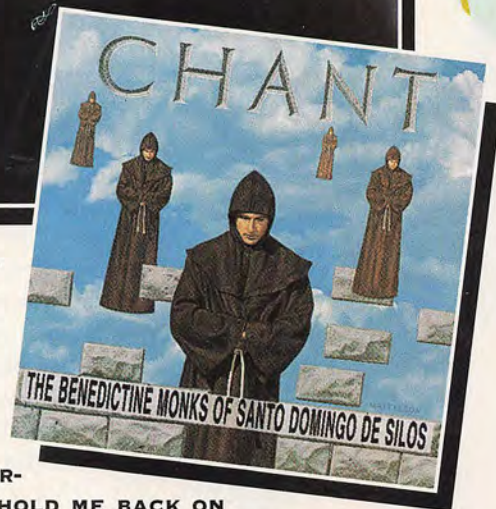
UNBELIEVABLE. THAT SHOWS RIGHT THERE WHAT IDIOTS THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE. IF THEY WILL BUY THIS RECORD, IF THEY WILL BUY THIS CD, IF THEY WILL BUY THIS TAPE, CAN YOU IMAGINE WHEN SOMEONE WITH MY TALENT, WITH MY VOICE AND WITH MY ENTERTAINMENT ABILITIES COMES OUT WITH HIS DEBUT ALBUM. OH, BABY, IT'S GONNA BE GREAT. IT WILL PROBABLY DEBUT AT NO. 1. AS A MATTER OF FACT, ALL 10 CUTS ON MY ALBUM WILL DEBUT AT NO. 1 ON THE SINGLES CHARTS.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? BEING THAT THE *WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION MAGAZINE* HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO OL' DOUBLE J, I JUST MIGHT GIVE YOU ONE OF THE VERY FIRST COPIES RIGHT OFF THE PRESS. BUT FIRST, YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME THAT YOU'RE

NOT GONNA TELL ANYBODY WHEN I GIVE IT TO YOU, 'CAUSE I WANT TO DEBUT IT ON NATIONAL TELEVISION. WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

TRIES TO HOLD ME BACK ON JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING I DO, BUT OL' DOUBLE J IS GONNA GET IT DONE!

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF DOUBLE J, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THAT SO-CALLED RAP ARTIST MABEL. MABEL NEEDS TO GO BACK INTO THE TRASH CAN HE CAME FROM. ALL MABEL IS, IS A BIG, FAT PIECE OF TRASH. ALL HE DOES IS GO OUT THERE HOOTIN', HOLLERIN' AND SCREAMIN', AND HE CALLS THAT RAP MUSIC? HE'S JUST AS BAD—NO, HE'S WORSE—THAN THAT GARBAGE MUSIC ON THE *ABOVE THE RIM* SOUNDTRACK. IF MABEL WAS EVER TO SAY THOSE THINGS ABOUT ME TO MY FACE, THEN I WOULD SLAP HIM RIGHT DOWN TO SIZE! **WF**





# THE BITE

BY VIC VENOM



I know you little punks out there are just waiting for my predictions for *SummerSlam*, just like you sit on the curb on a 100-degree day waiting for the ice cream man. Then when he finally arrives, you reach into your ripped pockets and pull out a stinkin', sweaty quarter, thinking it's going to buy you the biggest hot fudge sundae on the truck. What a stupid bunch of losers you all are. And here are my *SummerSlam* predictions:

Let us begin with the Grammy Grudge Match, shall we?

## DOUBLE J JEFF JARRETT vs MABEL

Country vs. Rap. The Grand Ole Opry vs. the Street. The greatest wrestler/singer of all time vs. Fat Albert. While I'm on the subject of fat, let me set the record

straight. I am sick and tired of people saying how "big and bad" Mabel is. Mabel is fat. Plain and simple. There is no better adjective to describe him. The man (and I use the word loosely), is GAK—nothing but a great big tub of GAK.

What can I say about Double J Jeff Jarrett that I haven't already said? He is an icon. He is an institution. He is what every little punk kid wants to be when he grows up. And let me tell you, his picture had better be someplace in this article.

My prediction? Well, based on the fact that this is a wrestling match and not a pie-eating contest, it WILL be Double J in a romp. The cowboy is too quick and too smart for Free Willy. The only kind of music that cellulite-



head will be rapping after this match is the blues! Whoomp, there it is!

P.S. Rumor has it that Stevie Wonder is now Mabel's personal hairdresser.

## ALUNDRA BLAYZE vs BULL NAKANO

The Bull versus the Baboon. Ms. Bigshot wanted competition from the Far East, and she got it. Now, is she ever sorry that she ever opened her yappy gums. Bull is not only a beauty, but she is also a far better athlete than Blayze. And with Cindy Crawford—I mean Luna—in her corner, she can't be beat.

Let's face it. Alundra was lucky to be champion. She won a tournament comprised of ancient hags. Broom Hilda wanna-





bes. And who has she beaten since? Leilani Kai. Stan "Beavis" Lane could beat Leilani Kai. I bet you Todd Pettensmell could even beat Leilani Kai.

Hit the road, Aloser. You're yesterday's news!



**HEAD SHRINKERS vs IRS & BAM BAM BIGELOW**

I'm sick of these nuts. The refugees from "Quest of Fire." Samu, Fatu, Brillo-head and the Skipper. Speaking of the Skipper, I wish these savages would get on the first boat back to Gilligan's Island. Lock these lunatics up in a hut with Mrs. Howell for a few days; maybe she can teach them some etiquette.

How these guys are champions—I'll never know. And I still don't understand exactly what it is that Afa does. The guy's a goon! He makes Magilla Gorilla look like a Yale valedictorian. And ugly? If I looked anything

like Afa, I'd call 911 and have myself arrested.

IRS and Bam Bam Bigelow? Great team. They have it all. Speed, size, strength, looks. New tag team champions right here.

**UNDERTAKER vs UNDERTAKER**

No question about it. I'm going to go out on a limb here. I give this match to.....the Undertaker.

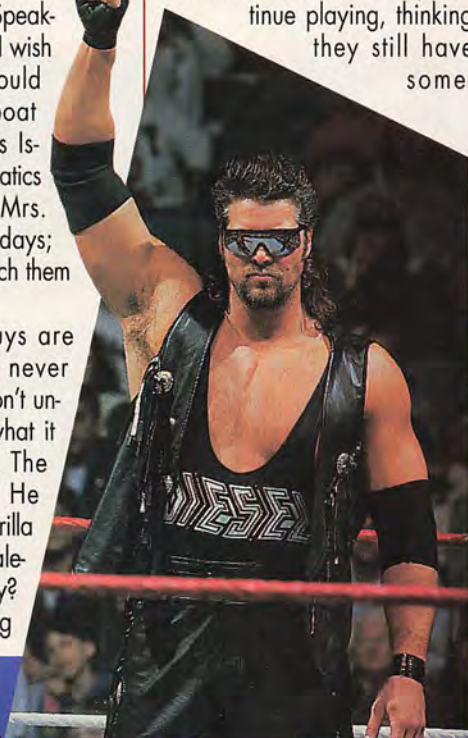
**LEX LUGER vs TATANKA**

I hope that these two lunatics beat each other's brains out. Can't stand either one of them. All that patriotic gaga makes me sick. You've got Chief High Horse on one side and a Chippendale wannabe on the other. I don't even know if their egos will fit in the same ring. I guarantee you that there's got to be something else better than this on television tonight. I would rather watch Joan Rivers hawk her fake jewelry on the Home Shopping Club.

Lex Luger will win. Lex Luger will win only because he has the MONEY to back him up!

**DIESEL vs RAZOR RAMON**

You know how some guys never know when to retire? They continue playing, thinking they still have some-



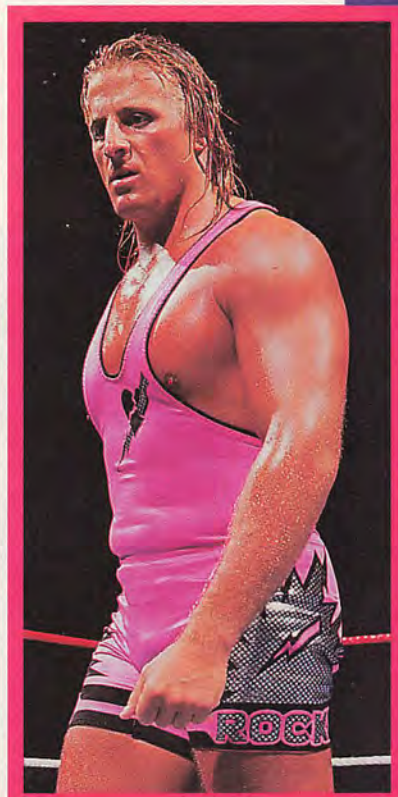
thing left, when in reality they're embarrassing themselves. Chico is one of those guys. Razor had a good run, but it's OVER. Turn out the lights, AMIGO! You're the Finished Guy, the No Belt Guy, the My Back Still Hurts From Diesel's Jackknife Guy. You're a lot of guys, but no more Bad Guy. Maybe you can find a job as an extra in one of those Taco Bell commercials. I mean they hired Dick Vitale, for goodness sake! The wethead is dead. Long live Big Daddy Cool!

**BRET HART vs THE KING OF HARTS OWEN HART**

I've waited a long time for this. This paper champion/Joey Ramone lookalike has been ducking the King long enough. Now he is trapped! Trapped in a 15-foot-high steel cage with his greatest nightmare—little brother Owen. (That is, unless the Hit Man slithers between the bars to the outside of the ring courtesy of his greasy locks.)

All the years of torment. The years of Bret taking his lunch money. The years of Bret smack-ing him around in the Dungeon.

The years of Bret stealing his candy—and later his girlfriends. All that will finally come to an end. The King of Harts will walk out of that cage—World Wrestling Federation Champion! **WF**





# Rookies to LEGENDS

## HEROES OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

**T**he World Wrestling Federation Hall of Fame Inductions, which are covered in this magazine's Private Eye section, took place June 9 in Baltimore and will forever be remembered as a landmark event. The inductees—Gorilla Monsoon, Classy Freddie Blassie, the Golden Boy Arnold Skaaland, Chief Jay Strongbow, the late Buddy Rogers, Bobo Brazil and

James Dudley—were stalwarts in the wrestling industry for years and will undoubtedly remain so for generations to come.

The inductions were covered by this publication, with exclusive photographs of the legends in their tuxedos and reports on their feelings regarding their inclusion in the Hall of Fame. Their careers in the World Wrestling Federation were barely touched

upon—until now.

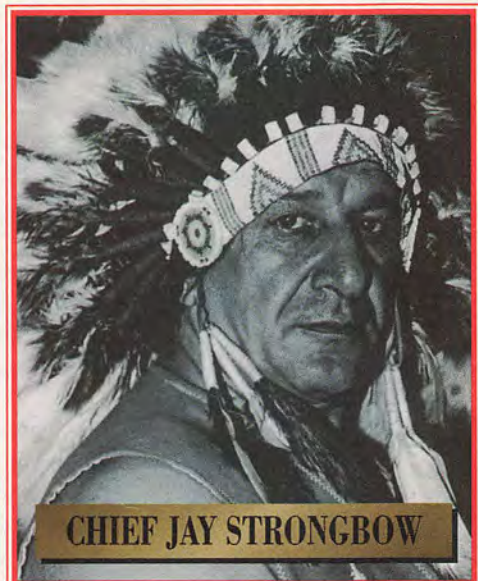
These men are the forefathers of wrestling, the people who were revered by millions and by almost every superstar competing today. They hold a degree of respect and dignity that is unparalleled. And they have earned it.

Take Chief Jay Strongbow, for instance. Strongbow, a Native American from Pawhuska, Oklahoma (he now resides in Georgia), was one of the greatest tag team wrestlers in Federation history. He co-held the Tag Team Championship on three different occasions with such esteemed competitors as Sonny King (1972), Billy White Wolf (1977) and his brother Jules (1982).

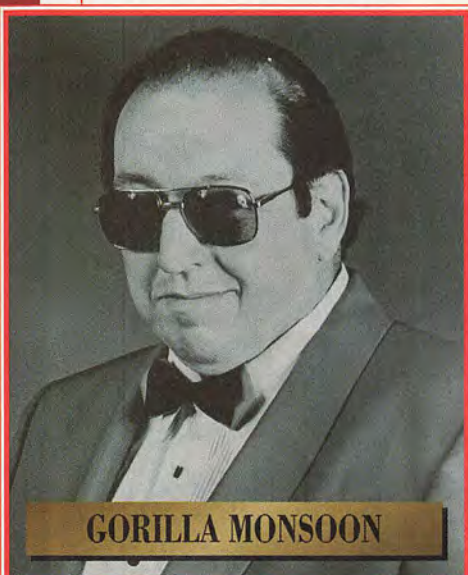
In addition, Strongbow also had a memorable career in the singles division. One of his finest matches was an Indian Strap Match against Greg "The Ham-

mer" Valentine at Madison Square Garden in 1978.

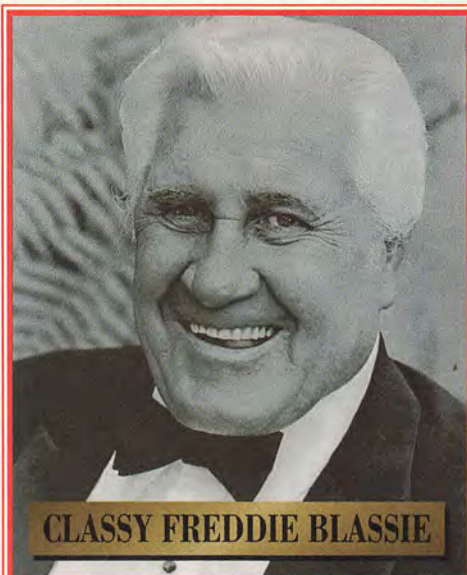
Classy Freddie Blassie, a man who was one of the most feared wrestlers of his era, has been active in the wrestling profession for nearly 60 years. The Hollywood Fashion Plate is best remembered, though, for his managerial prowess. He's managed the careers of such stars (or pencil-necked geeks) as Crippler Ray Stevens, Stan "The Lariat" Hansen and the Iron Sheik, the latter a for-



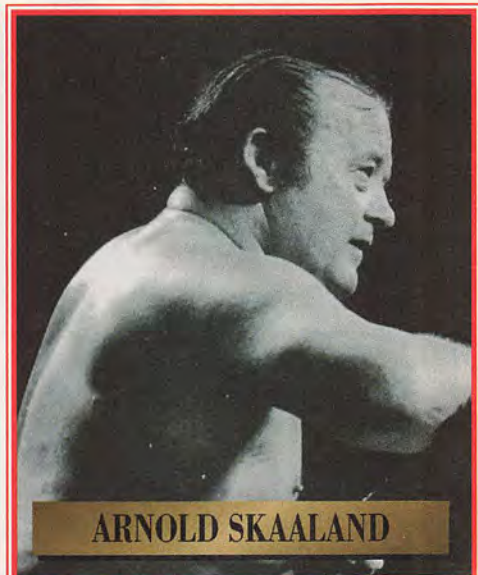
**CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW**



**GORILLA MONSOON**

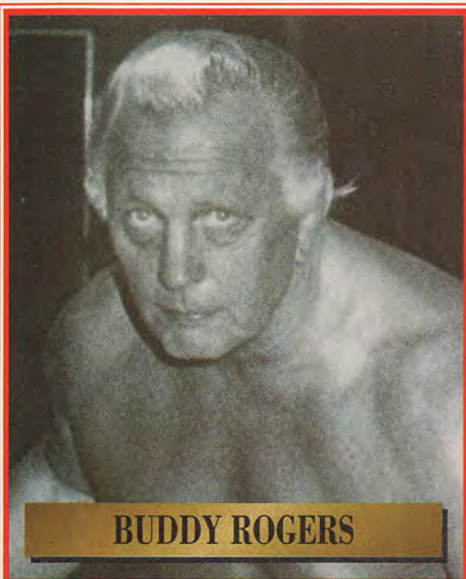


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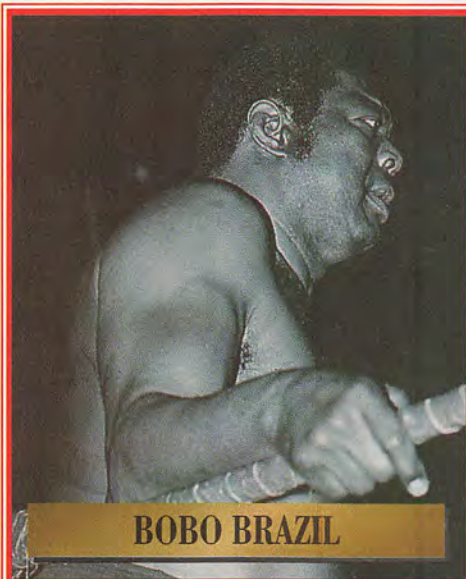


**ARNOLD SKAALAND**

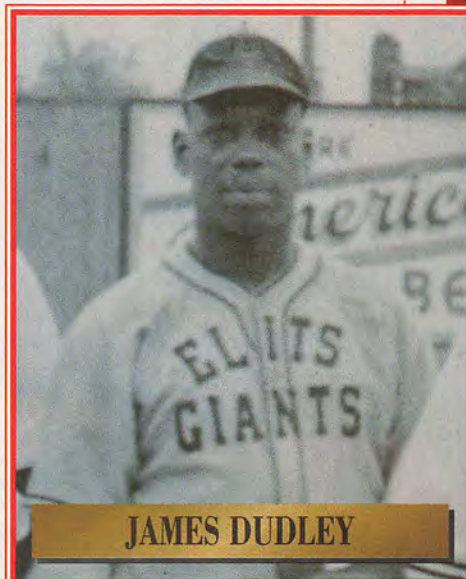




**BUDDY ROGERS**



**BOBO BRAZIL**



**JAMES DUDLEY**

mer Federation Champion.

James Dudley was another standout manager. He oversaw the career of fellow Hall of Famer Bobo Brazil and accompanied him throughout the north-eastern United States, specifically to such cities as Baltimore, Philadelphia and our nation's capital.

Speaking of Bobo, this man—who retired in 1993—gained legendary status by headbutting his opponents into a state of unconsciousness. The tactic, known as the Coco Butt, has claimed many victims over the years and could still claim many more.

Born in Manchuria, but living near Philadelphia, Gorilla Monsoon, who can be seen weekly on All-American Wrestling and Wrestling Spotlight, was one of the biggest athletes ever to enter a wrestling ring. In his heyday, he weighed in excess of 400 pounds and polished off his opponents with the Giant Swing. Monsoon's a former Federation Tag Team Champion (with Killer Kowalski).

Nature Boy Buddy Rogers will forever hold a special spot in the history books. He was the first World Wide Wrestling Fed-

eration Champion, whose wrestling career spanned more than 40 years. He was an inspiration for many of today's greats, including former Federation Champion Ric Flair.

Sadly, Rogers died in 1992, but his name and title reign are enshrined in everlasting glory in the Federation's Hall of Fame.

The Golden Boy Arnold Skaaland was (and still is) one of the toughest and most respected men in wrestling. Skaaland, a former United States Marine who proudly served his country during World War II, has been active in

wrestling for more than a half-century. He wrestled many memorable matches at Madison Square Garden and later managed Bob Backlund to the Federation Title in 1978.

These days, Skaaland, like Strongbow, is a World Wrestling Federation official. He resides with his wife, Betty, in Westchester County, New York.

Congratulations, fellas. You've helped bring wrestling to where it is today and, in doing so, have given the sport such a proud heritage. **WF**

# HALL OF FAMERS' RING CAREERS



# VIDEO GAME

## R E V I E W

SUPER NES • GENESIS

BY T-BOY & SIDESCROLL



**TIP:** The key to higher scores is to master good control of the pinball with your flippers.

### DATABASE

**GAME TITLE**  
SUPER PINBALL

**MACHINE**  
SUPER NES

**MANUFACTURER**  
AMERICAN TECHNOS

**THEME**  
PINBALL

**LEVELS** 3  
**MEGS** 8

**PLAYERS** 1-4  
**EST. PRICE** \$59.95

Pinball. The classic arcade game has long been absent from the collection of top-notch entertainment video games. American Technos, however, has done a great job in bridging the gap for pinball fanatics with their *Super Pinball - Behind the Mask*.

The simulated feel and game play of actual pinball in this cart is well done. Choose between playing on three different machines: the Jolly Joker, Blackbeard and the Ironmen or Wizard. You can even play within a competition with up to four players. Considering the limitations of pinball, programmers have had to add a lot of bright lights, buzzers, super jackpots and multi-ball rounds to create game variety. Bumper action, tilts and ball movement could not have been any better, but the dark graphics and skewed perspective of the play field make it rather difficult for the gamers to keep their eyes focused on the action.

With some fine-tuning, *Super Pinball* could be a fantastic game, but if you are not an avid pinball player, you may find it somewhat limited. However, if you're not a pinball wizard, the joker behind the mask in this game will eventually have the last laugh.

### GAME PLAY



8

### GRAPHICS



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### MUSIC/SOUND



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### OVERALL RATING



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## DATABASE

### GAME TITLE

VIRTUA RACING

### MACHINE

GENESIS

### MANUFACTURER

SEGA

### THEME

RACING SIMULATION

### COURSES

3

### MEGS

16+SVP CHIP

### PLAYERS

1-2

### EST. PRICE

\$99.99



Take on a friend in this split-screen option.



This VR view offers a more challenging race.



The SVP chip is hard at work in this game.

Rated by V.R.C.

**GA**  
Appropriate for  
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General Audiences

Have you ever wanted to sit behind the wheel of a Formula 1 racing car flying down a straightaway at speeds in excess of 150 mph? With Sega's *Virtua Racing*, you have the driver's seat in this fast-paced racing simulation game. With Sega's new SVP chip, scaling and rotation are a breeze as you become a part of this 3D polygon world. Check out the scenery while you burn rubber down the roadway. Fight for position against 15 other drivers, race the clock or take on your friend in a two-player, split screen option. You can choose between automatic or 7-speed manual transmission and three different courses: beginner, medium or expert.

*Virtua Racing* does a great job with scaling and rotation of graphics and is incredibly fast and smooth for a cart-based game. The

courses are somewhat challenging but unfortunately are only limited to three different tracks. One excellent feature of this game is the ability to change viewpoints on the fly, going from a bird's eye view to sitting right behind the wheel. *Virtua Racing* did have its drawbacks though. A rear-view mirror would have helped a great deal, as would have easier control of your car. One major problem we had with this cart was the fact that you could drive through signs, slam into a brick wall, flip through the air and keep on going as if nothing happened. Whatever happened to a good crash?

Sega's done a good job for its first game using this new chip, and we're definitely looking forward to some new titles in the near future. If you're willing to pay the extra money, *Virtua Racing* is a great game for anyone who's ever wanted to break the speed limit.

## GAME PLAY



## GRAPHICS



## MUSIC/SOUND



## OVERALL RATING



**SPARKY PLUGG'S**  
Superstar Tip

Learn how to brake when  
going around corners or you'll  
lose control of your car.



# TOUR DE FO

BY KEITH ELLIOT GREENBERG

Mike Negron had gone to the Nassau Coliseum expecting nothing more than seeing a great wrestling match featuring his favorite performer, Doink the Clown. Now, here he stood, his face peering out of a white head stocking with green hair on the side. In the ring, Doink was doing battle with Double J Jeff Jarrett. And at ringside, the 26-year-old carpet cleaner from the town of West Babylon, Long Island, had the eyes of the arena upon him. These things happen when you're plucked out of the audience and appointed Doink's honorary manager.

"It feels excellent," Negron said, before turning back to heckle Double J. "I'm psyched."

Throughout the spring, plenty of fans experienced the same

thrill, being picked as

Doink's manager, Lex Luger's flag bearer and special guest ring announcer, among other honors. The occasion: the World Wrestling Federation's *WrestleMania* Revenge Tour, the first of many such tours devoted to creating the delirium of a major rock concert and making fans a part of the action.

"Everybody has a chance to be part of the action," commented David Glicksman, World Wrestling Federation marketing representative, as he handed out free T-shirts to specially picked fans. "Men, women, children, any fan in any section can be chosen at any time."

While World Wrestling Federation shows have always had an exciting quality to them, the new tours boast a flavor never before encountered at a sports-entertainment event.

Steve Taylor, the World Wrestling Federation's photography director and vice president of event operations, has photographed every *WrestleMania* from ringside and never missed a television taping in 11 years.

Yet, he had to concede that he'd never seen "a

tour of this magnitude in the United States."

"It's our chance to give something back to the fans and enhance the excitement generated by the wrestlers," commented Taylor. "On a technical level, we're bringing World Wrestling

AN E



Federation action into the 21st century."

Indeed, the *WrestleMania* Revenge Tour seemed to change the definition of the term "spectacular." Hours before the matches began, workers uncoiled miles of cable and used nine tons of electrical hoists to suspend a 30-foot by 30-foot steel-trussed lighting and audio rig over the ring. Taylor worked with World Wrestling Federation Lighting Director Ben Wildman—whose resume includes Aerosmith, Allman Brothers and James Brown concerts—to develop the visual effects. BML Lighting of Raritan, New Jersey, supplied the lighting and sound personnel as well as "general good humor," according to





# RCE

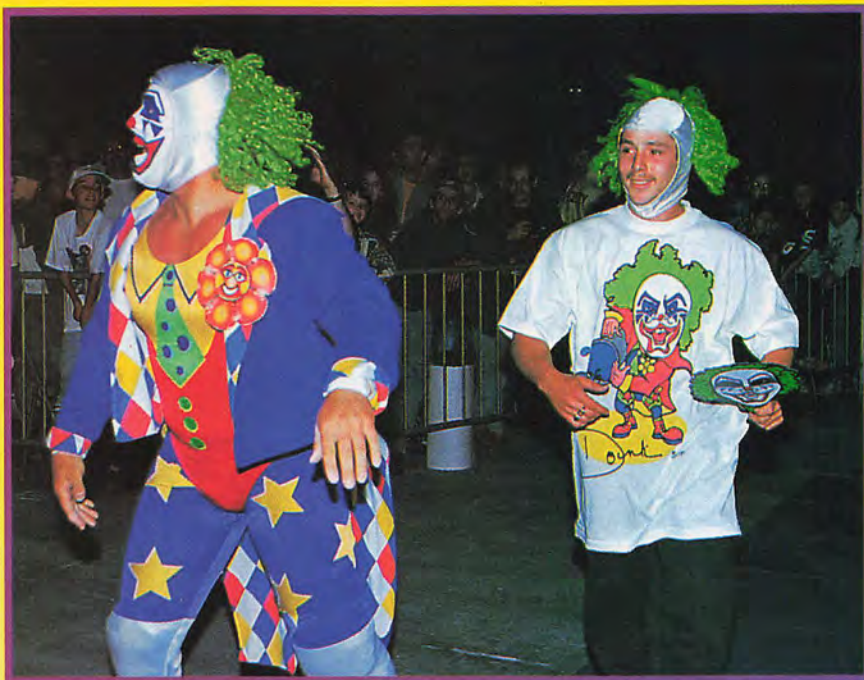
## ELECTRIFYING ROAD SHOW

the company's president, Eric Todd.

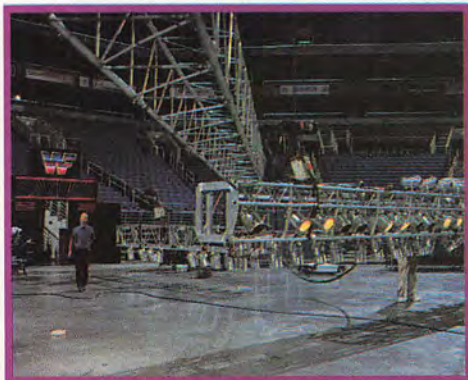
Above the squared circle, there were intellabeams, moving multi-colored lights used in rock shows and four banks of eight mole fays, emanating flashing lights onto the crowd. Additionally, Gobos emitted special light patterns: razor blades when Razor Ramon strutted down the aisle, hearts for Bret "Hit Man" Hart, stars and stripes for Lex Luger.

Two dozen speakers broadcast entrance music for the Federation superstars. Said Jim Ferrante, president of Stirling Audio and the designer of the system, "Traditionally, sporting events use a limited sound system. This is a concert-quality system, and the audience is really elevated with the extended frequency response."

How did spectators react? "Tremendous," Taylor observed. "We're making wrestling more interactive, where the fans feel as if they're in



**"IT'S OUR CHANCE TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE FANS AND ENHANCE THE EXCITEMENT GENERATED BY THE WRESTLERS."**





# TOUR DE FORCE



the ring, fighting for glory themselves."

In fairness to mat watchers, some of those feelings are based on more than fantasy. Before the Revenge Tour matches began, fans in every venue were randomly chosen to don padded sumo suits and attempt to mimic Yokozuna in sumo matchups.

Louis Tangredi, 19, of Garden City Park, New York, was victorious in a two-out-of-three-falls Nassau Coliseum contest against his 14-year-old brother Nicholas, flopping on top of the younger sibling at the climax of the clash. "I'm not sure if I want to make a career in sumo," a winded Louis revealed shortly afterward. "It's pretty hard to move in those suits. I guess I always wanted to wrestle at the Nassau Coliseum, but I never thought I'd do it in a sumo suit."

Special ring announcer Matthew Alarcon, 12, from the town of Stewart Manor, New York, said his favorite moment came when he peered over the microphone and realized that "everyone in the arena was staring at me." And Jonathan Wagner, 15, of nearby Wantagh,

declared that he considered it an honor to serve as Lex Luger's flag bearer.

"I think of myself a patriot," he said, holding aloft the red, white and blue beside the ring, "so this comes naturally to me."

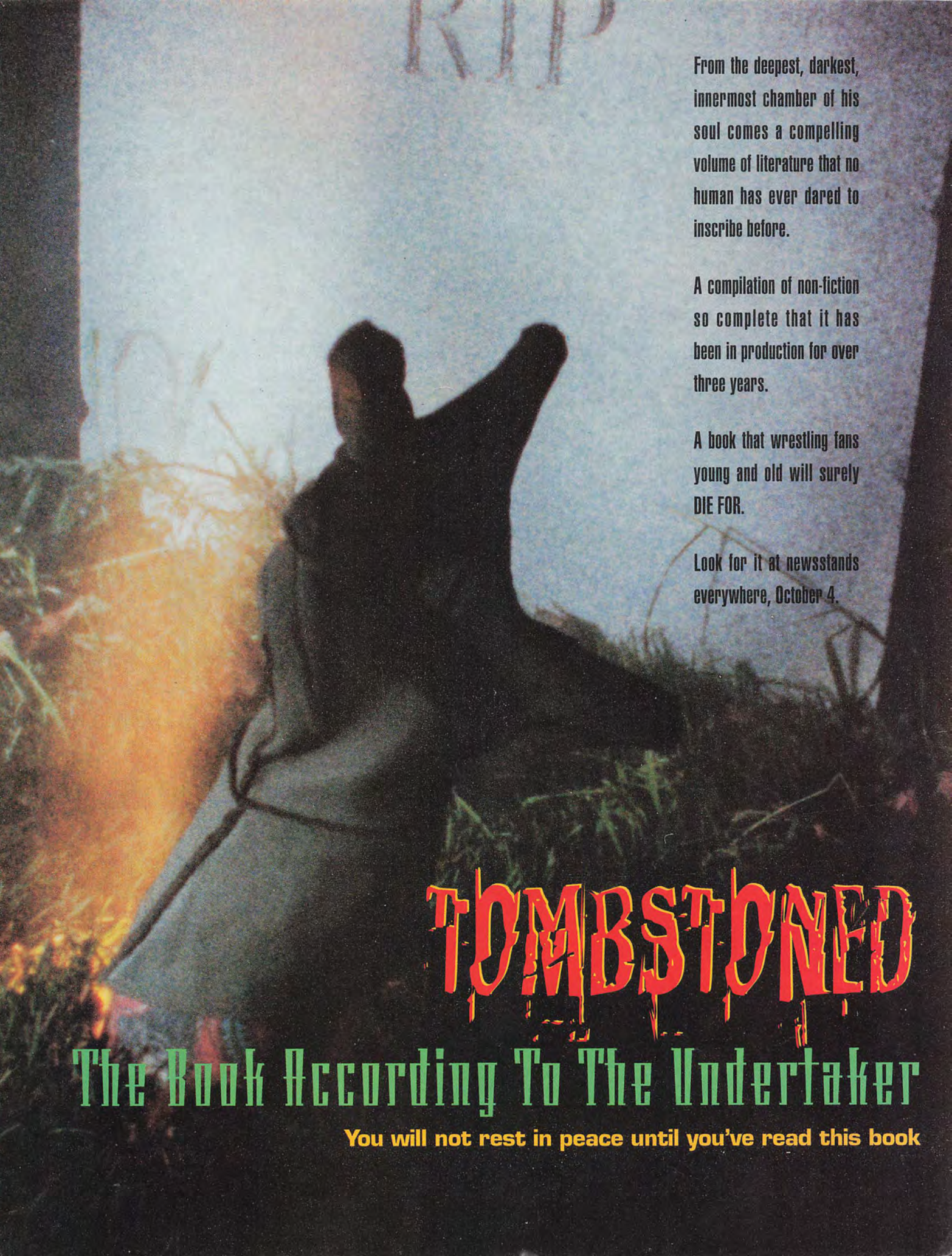
Even those not singled out felt special just being on hand for the incredible tour. Dave Schierhorst, 42, a chauffeur from the town of Manhasset, claimed the light show reminded him of memorable rock concerts of the 1960s. "I remember when you never saw special effects at a wrestling match," commented the longtime wrestling fan. "Things have really changed. And now women's wrestling is coming back, and I like that."

His son, special education student Dean, 16, nearly jumped out of his wheelchair several times during the Nassau Coliseum card. "I've got sweat on my brow!" he enthused. "This is the biggest, biggest wrestling extravaganza I've ever seen!" He hesitated a moment to strike a pose, flexing for a reporter. "It's real cool, baby—and you can write that down!" **WF**

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# The King



TAKES OUT THE

If you dare to enter the King's Court these days, you might have a heavy price to pay. ESPECIALLY if you're a rookie.

I guess part of this atrocity can be attributed to the Dumpster himself. Upon his arrival in the World Wrestling Federation, Duke "The Dumpster" Droese disposed of his garbage pail's contents upon the head of his royalness, Jerry "The King" Lawler. Even though Duke was successful in immediately putting himself over with the fans, Lawler was irate. To be belittled on national television was unacceptable to begin with, but to be embarrassed by a rookie garbage man no less? Lawler vowed that he would have his day in court—HIS COURT!

"You stink! Don't come into my palace!" Lawler screamed to the Dumpster before a sold-out audience at Monday Night Raw in White Plains, New York. "You dumped on the King, and nobody gets away with that!" continued Lawler. The Dumpster was amused by the self-professed King. In his defense, why shouldn't he have been? The Garbage Man not only dwarfs the King in stature, but he must outweigh him by more than 75 pounds!

But one doesn't attain royalty without having brains. The Dumpster was in the King's park now, and Lawler had a plan. He knew exactly what he was going to do.

"Lawler, I don't want to speak to a stinking piece of garbage like you

# GAR



anyway!" hollered Droese as he headed back to the locker room. ROOKIE MISTAKE. Never turn your back on the King, Jerry Lawler.

Lawler immediately seized the opportunity to attack, and before Duke the Dumpster was able to turn himself around, Lawler was all over him like, well, you know, like flies on garbage. Lawler then proceeded to give the Trash Collector a galvanized steel headache.

Luckily for the Sanitation Man, a horde of World Wrestling Federation referees and agents rushed out and stopped Lawler before further damage could be done.

"What do you mean I Pearl Harbored him?" Lawler screamed. "What you should say is: Duke got trashed. Duke the Dumpster got dumped on, and that's exactly what he deserved. I am royalty, and I need to be treated as such."

His highness went on, "The first time he ever laid eyes on me, the first time he ever met me, instead of bowing down to me—like the piece of garbage that he is, the lowest of peons—he had the audacity to dump his trash on

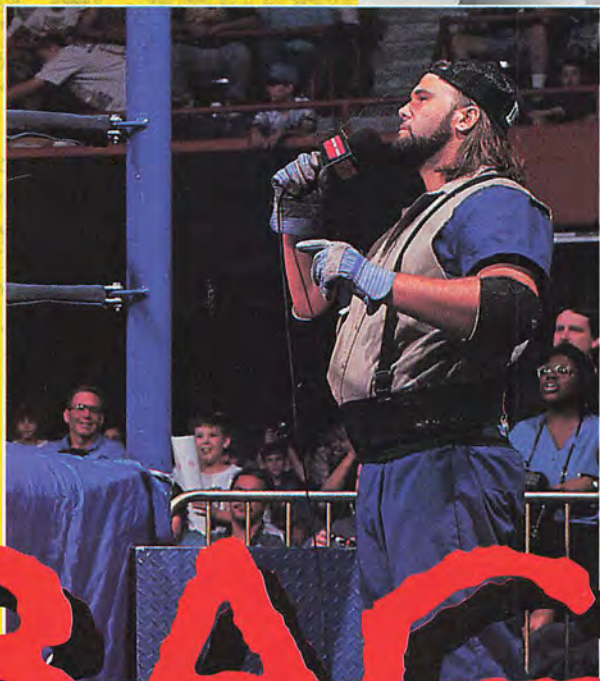
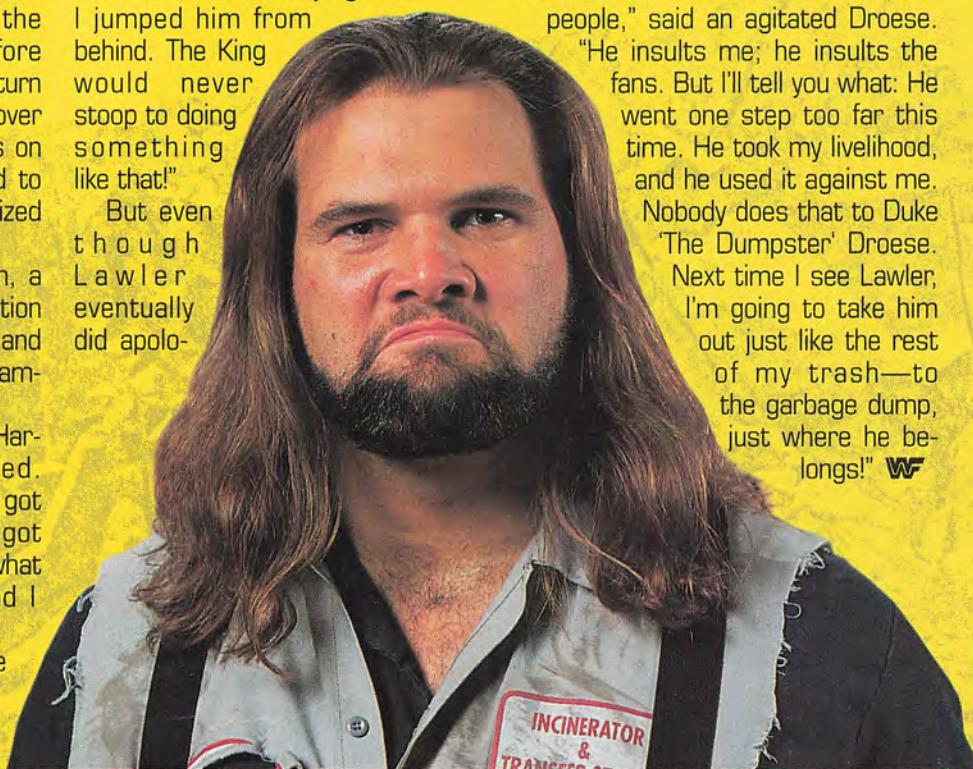
me. NOBODY, NOBODY is going to do something like that to the King and not have to pay for it. And don't even think about saying that I jumped him from behind. The King would never stoop to doing something like that!"

But even though Lawler eventually did apolo-

gize for his actions, Droese wasn't—and isn't—in a forgiving mood. "Week in and week out Lawler comes out, and he insults a lot of people," said an agitated Droese.

"He insults me; he insults the fans. But I'll tell you what: He went one step too far this time. He took my livelihood, and he used it against me. Nobody does that to Duke 'The Dumpster' Droese.

Next time I see Lawler, I'm going to take him out just like the rest of my trash—to the garbage dump, just where he belongs!" **WF**



# TRASH



# WRESTLING

## THE HEAD SHRINKERS SAMU AND FATU

### \* WEIGHT:

577 pounds

### \* STRENGTHS:

The Shrinkers, who currently hold the Federation Tag Team Championship, are a fearsome force. They attack their opponents with reckless abandon and often sacrifice their own health in order to cripple the competition.

### \* WEAKNESSES:

The Shrinkers, like the Samoans, are related to one another. That could hurt them in a big match because they're emotionally attached to one another. For example, if one Head Shrinker finds himself in trouble, the other may act out of emotion rather than adhere to a thought-out game plan and thus abort the match by way of disqualification.

### \* KEY WINS:

The Head Shrinkers have enveloped the competition since they joined the Federation. They have scored key wins over such teams as Men on a Mission, the Smoking Gunns and the Quebecers, from whom they won the belts. They are on a roll and appear to be unstoppable.

### \* KEY LOSSES:

As champions, the Head Shrinkers haven't lost too many matches. In fact, when they were contenders, Samu and Fatu didn't lose many contests either.

### \* FINISHING MOVE:

The Shrinkers finish off their opponents with a devastating big splash from the top turnbuckle, almost exclusively performed by the meaty Fatu. This tactic has claimed many victims and will surely claim many more as the weeks and months progress.

### \* STRATEGY:

In order for the Head Shrinkers to beat the Samoans in their prime, Samu and Fatu would have had to attack their relatives head-on and pound them into semi-consciousness. Their pace would have had to be break-neck, because that's exactly how the Samoans would come after them.



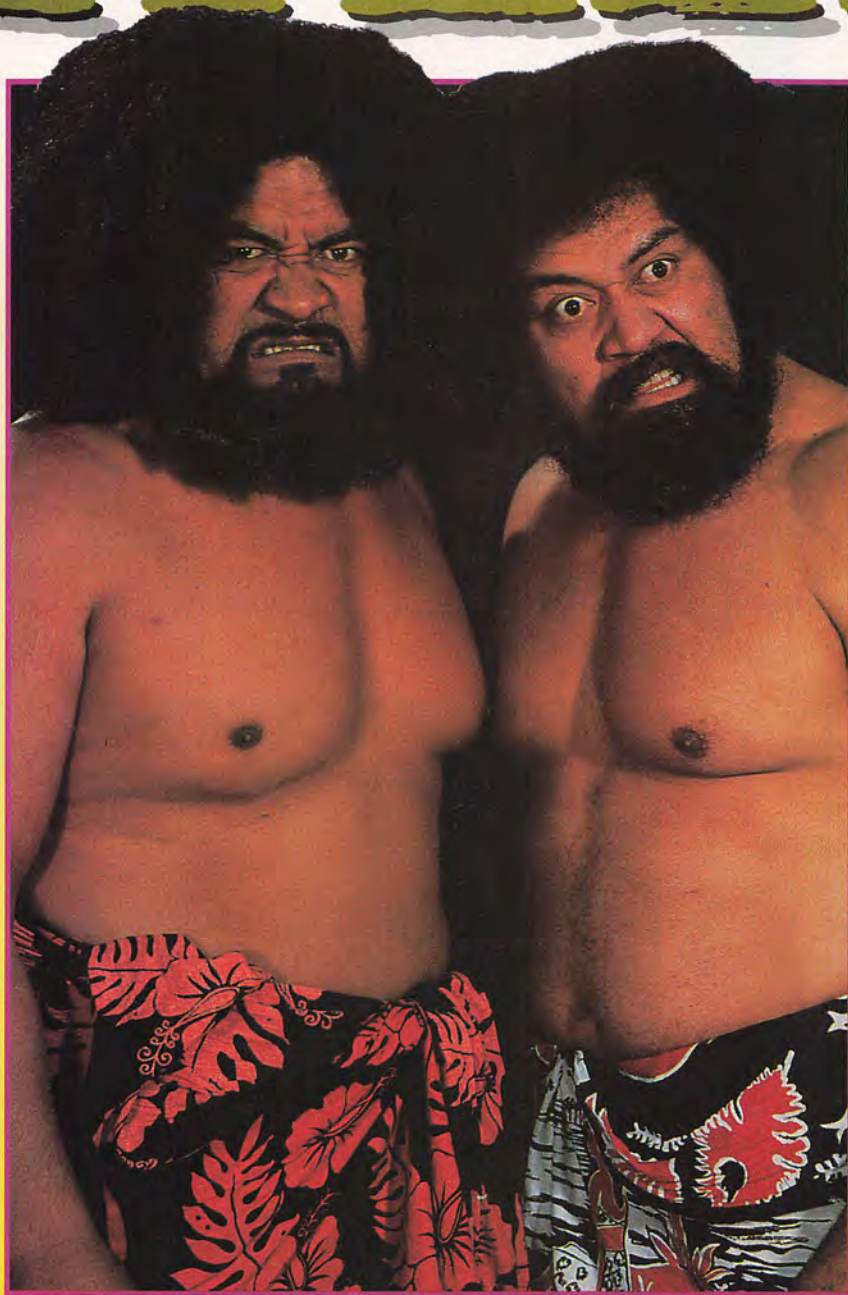
## EDITOR'S OUTLOOK:

If this match were possible today, it would be perhaps the greatest tag team battle since the Executioners-Strongbow/White Wolf feud of the mid-1970s. Every element of a great battle would be there: the wrestling technique, the brutal warfare, the strategy, the rollercoaster ride of emotion, the eventual outcome. On that note, we feel that if the Shrinkers met the Samoans in prime condition, Afa and Sika would have triumphed. The Samoans had everything, including the primal drive, to do it. This match would have been the greatest family feud since



# THE SMOKEHOUSE

## HOW THEY MATCH UP



the Hatfield clan clashed with the McCoys. And, it could still happen today. Albano has rejoined Afa, and they are leading the Shrinkers to wrestling greatness. Sika resides in Pensacola, Florida, and still competes several times a year.

### WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION?

## SIKA AND AFA THE SAMOANS

### WEIGHT: \*

600 pounds

### STRENGTHS: \*

When the Samoans were winning the Federation Tag Team Title during the early 1980s, they were among the biggest men in wrestling. Every team took a back seat to them in terms of girth and solid, albeit rough-house, wrestling talent.

### WEAKNESSES: \*

Afa and Sika are not only brothers but also the fathers of the Head Shrinkers. They were too drawn to one another on an emotional level. Even in their prime, this became evident when they would rush to one another's aid, often at the expense of disqualifications and count-outs. Captain Lou Albano could be cited as another weakness, as he seemed more interested in his own career than that of his boys.

### KEY WINS: \*

The Samoans defeated such memorable duos as Tito Santana and Ivan Putski; the Strongbow Brothers, Jay and Jules; and Tony Garea and Rick Martel. They won the Tag Team Belts on several occasions.

### KEY LOSSES: \*

The Samoans lost matches on a very infrequent basis. When they did, it was to a superior team that combined favorable athletic genetics with wrestling finesse and a well-armed strategy to attain victory.

### FINISHING MOVE: \*

The Samoan drop. This move was one of the most destructive ever conceived, a move that has been imitated—but never quite duplicated—by hundreds of current wrestlers. The Samoan drop was their key offensive maneuver.

### STRATEGY: \*

To beat the Shrinkers, the Samoans would have had to throw their emotional ties to the wind and besiege the youngsters with all they could muster. Granted, it wouldn't be an easy task, but the Samoans never had it easy. It's always been blood and guts for Afa and Sika all the way.



SUMMER

# So Hot It's Scary!

By Lou Gianfriddo

**I**n just mere weeks, SummerSlam, which has become universally known as the World Wrestling Federation pay-per-view showdown of the summer, will take place on Monday, August 29, live from the brand-new United Center in Chicago, Illinois. This year's *SummerSlam* promises to be the best ever, with seven great matches and all Federation titles at stake.

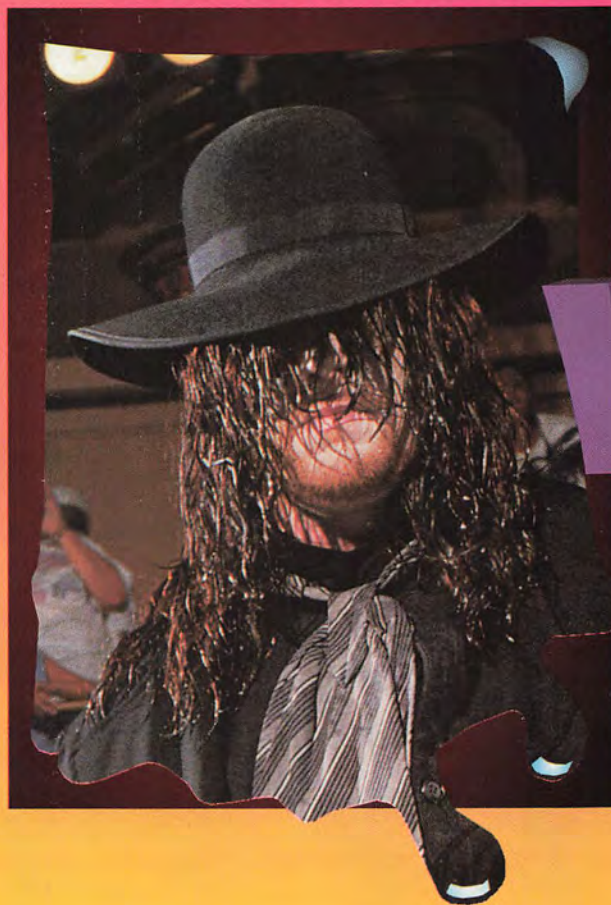
The main event will pit World Wrestling Federation Champion Bret "Hit Man" Hart against his brother, "King of Harts" Owen Hart.

Matchmakers have included several stipulations for this contest that will only add to the hatred that already exists between these two siblings.

For openers, the title match will be contested within the confines of a 15-foot-high steel cage. Historically, cage matches have been known to be the most dangerous bouts on record, with the potential for injury almost inevitable. In addition, the entire Hart wrestling family is expected to be on hand,

The action gets hotter! The Undertaker, managed by Paul Bearer, will clash with the Undertaker, man-

## UNDERTAKER

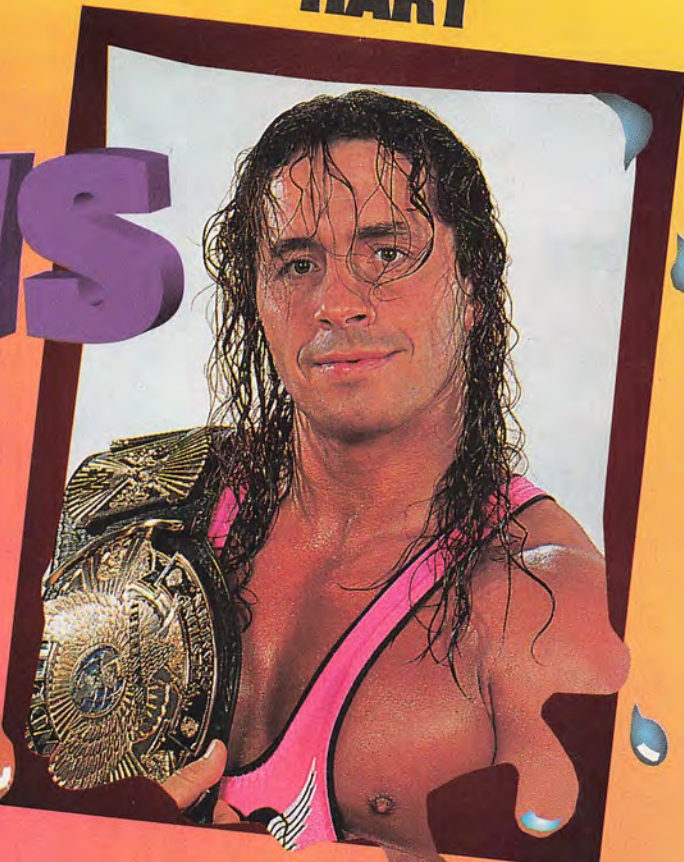
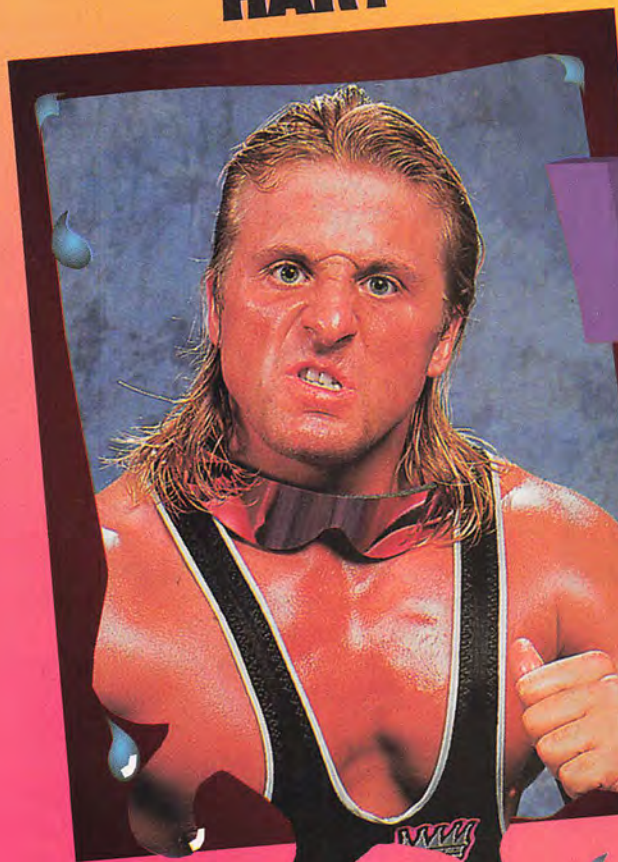




**OWEN  
HART**

**BRET  
HART**

**VS**



**UNDERTAKER**



aged by the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase. As of press time, no one can decipher the legitimacy of the Undertakers. They look alike. They talk alike. They even wrestle alike.

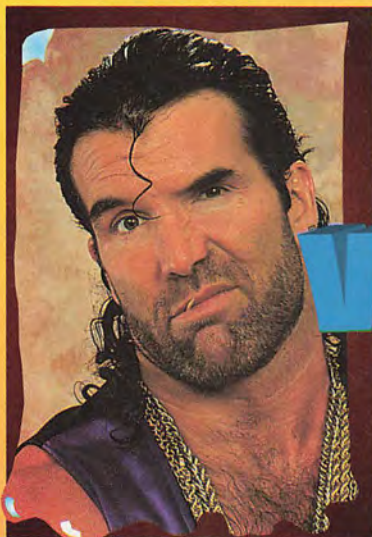
Thus, when these two meet in the ring at *SummerSlam*, it is safe to assume that all hell will break loose.

The Intercontinental Title will be up for grabs when Champion Diesel squares off against the former titlist, Razor Ramon. Razor, who lost the title to Diesel shortly after *WrestleMania X* this past March, says he will reign supreme over the 7-foot, 330-pound champion and has added that Shawn Michaels, Diesel's confidant, could also be in for a pounding should he involve himself on Diesel's behalf at *SummerSlam*. We'll have to wait and see if that happens, although many, perhaps millions (present company included), would like nothing better than to see Razor regain his title and beat the stuffings out of Michaels all in one night!

In another title match, the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champions the Head Shrinkers, Samu and Fatu, will oppose the unlikely combination of IRS and Bam Bam Bigelow. Bigelow recently sold his services to—who



**RAZOR  
RAMON**

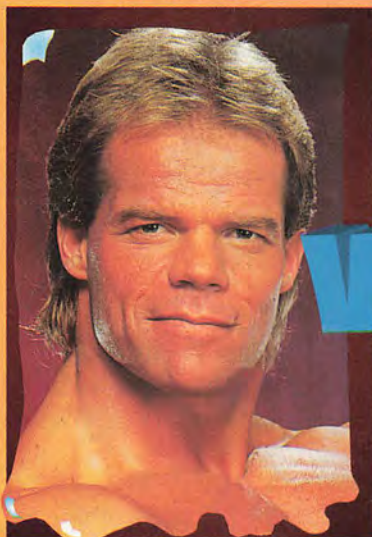


**DIESEL**



**VS**

**LEX  
LUGER**

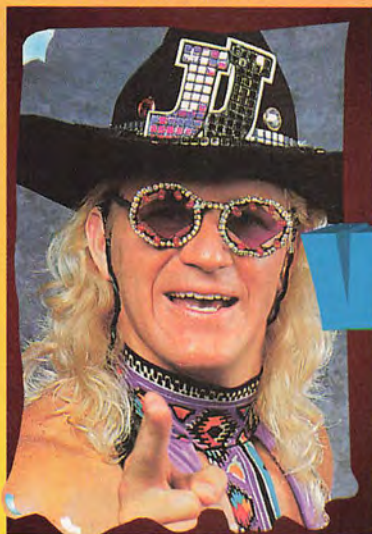


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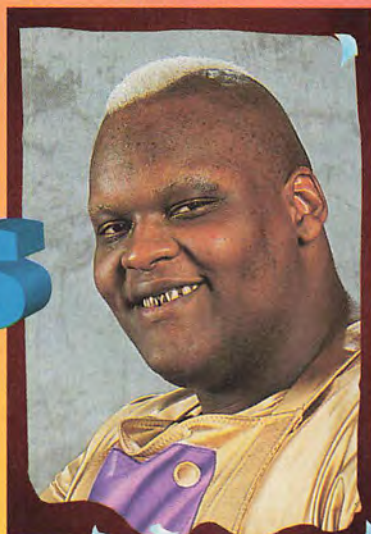


**VS**

**JEFF  
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**MABEL**



**VS**

else?—Mr. Moneybags, Ted DiBiase.

Although the IRS-Bigelow team lacks the experience of their Samoan counterparts, they could prove to be too much for the Tag Team Champions. IRS is a well-rounded wrestler who is a former tag team co-titlist. He knows the mechanics of mat warfare perhaps better than anyone else, while Bigelow is massively strong and remarkably agile. Also, both athletes have no qualms about bending the rules to get what they want.

DiBiase seems to be all over *SummerSlam*. In fact, some are even saying that he has bought the event outright! He's even managed to stir up some trouble between Lex Luger and Tatanka, who are slated to clash at *SummerSlam*.

For weeks, Tatanka has accused Luger of "selling out" to DiBiase for an unsubstantiated sum of money. Although Luger never confirmed or denied the allegation in public, one has to wonder if this man of such defined moral fiber would succumb to the lure of cash, especially DiBiase's filthy money.

DiBiase, meanwhile, has been telling everyone, specifically Tatanka, that the Luger deal "is signed, sealed and delivered." Regardless of DiBiase's claims, however, one thing will be delivered on August 29, and that's a match between two of the greatest American athletes competing in the Federation. This match is a must, because the outcome will establish a true No. 1 contender for the Federation Championship.

For the first time in *SummerSlam* history, the Federation's Women's Championship will be up for grabs when Bull Nakano faces Alundra Blayze. Nakano, who is being ad-

**SUMM**



vised by Luna Vachon, came to the Federation with impressive credentials a while ago and wrestled Ms. Blayze in what was an outstanding matchup. Additionally, Nakano is one of the most sought-after superstars in Japan and is a respected female athlete all over the world.

The same could be said for Alundra, who is considered a goddess by legions of female World Wrestling Federation fans. Alundra has been training like a woman possessed. She knows Nakano well and says that she will match her move for move at *SummerSlam*.

The current World Wrestling Federation generation will be catapulted to a new height when the world of music detonates during *SummerSlam*. Double J Jeff Jarrett, who has stated that he is the greatest thing to ever come forth from Nashville since the construction of the Grand Ole Opry-house, will oppose 500-pound Mabel from Men on a Mission, a man who is a hardcore disciple of raucous rap music.

*SummerSlam* will be the event that caps off your summer of 1994. Don't miss it on pay-per-view on Monday, August 29. It's *SummerSlam*—action so hot it ought to be outlawed!

**ALUNDRA  
BLAYZE**

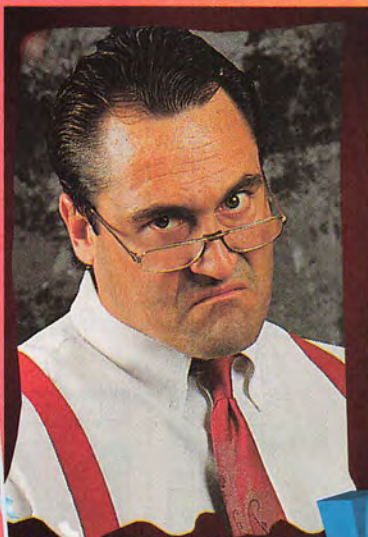


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NAKANO**

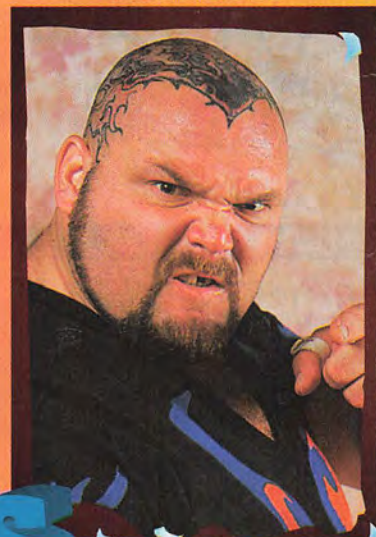


**VS**

**IRS**



**BAM BAM  
BIGELOW**

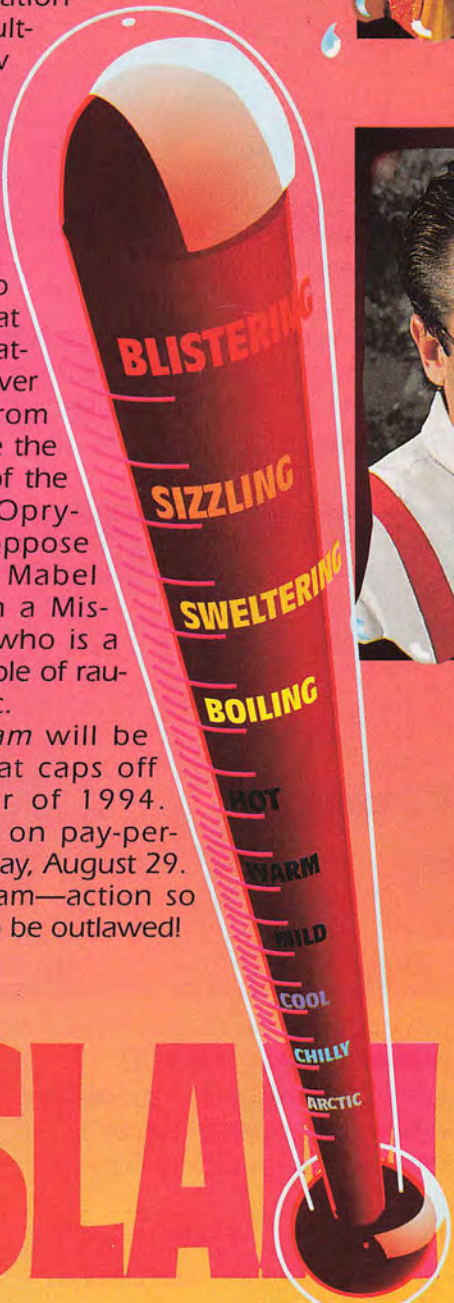


**VS**



**HEAD  
SHRINKERS**

**ERSLAM**





# Trivia

By Larry Humber

Something is always up in the Federation. But have you been keeping up? Let's find out. There are five categories of questions. Give yourself one point for answering the first question in each category, two points for answering the second and three for the third, the most difficult. A perfect score is 30.

We don't expect you to get them all, but anything over 25 is excellent. Over 20 is good, and over 15 not bad. If you get less than 10, it's time to brush up.

## FEDERATION STUFF



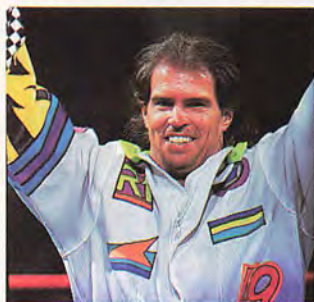
- 1 What is the name of the series of books about Federation superstars recently released by Topdog Publishing?
- 2 Another edition of *Posters* recently hit the newsstands. It was what number?
- 3 Which card company has recently released a set of Federation trading cards?

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS

- 1 Federation President Jack Tunney is considering using how many referees for tag team matches?
- 2 Where is the Federation's Referee School?
- 3 Who was Federation Champion when Earl Hebner broke in as a Federation official?



## STUFF ON SPARKY



- 1 From where does Thurman "Sparky" Plugg hail?
- 2 In what sport other than wrestling does Sparky participate?
- 3 A few issues back, Sparky was featured in a *Battle of the Titans*. Who was his opponent?

## TOURNAMENT TIME



- 1 Do you remember where this year's *King of the Ring* tournament took place?
- 2 Where was last year's tournament held?
- 3 Can you name at least two of the wrestlers that Bret "Hit Man" Hart defeated to win last year's *King of the Ring* tournament?

## ODDS & ENDS



- 1 Can you remember on what network sitcom the Bushwhackers recently appeared?
- 2 Adam Bomb makes his home on Three Mile Island. Where did he recently vacation?
- 3 What is Doink the Clown's nickname?

And the answers are: **FEDERATION STUFF**, Face to Face, X (10), and Action Packed; **OFFICIAL BUSINESS**, two, near Toronto, Canada, and Bob Backlund; **STUFF ON SPARKY**, Talladega, Alabama, stock car racing and Double J Jeff Jarrett; **TOURNAMENT TIME**, Baltimore, Dayton, Ohio, and two of Razor Ramon, Mr. Perfect and Bam Bam Bigelow; **ODDS & ENDS**, *Family Matters*, the Nevada Test Site, and the Prince of Pranks.



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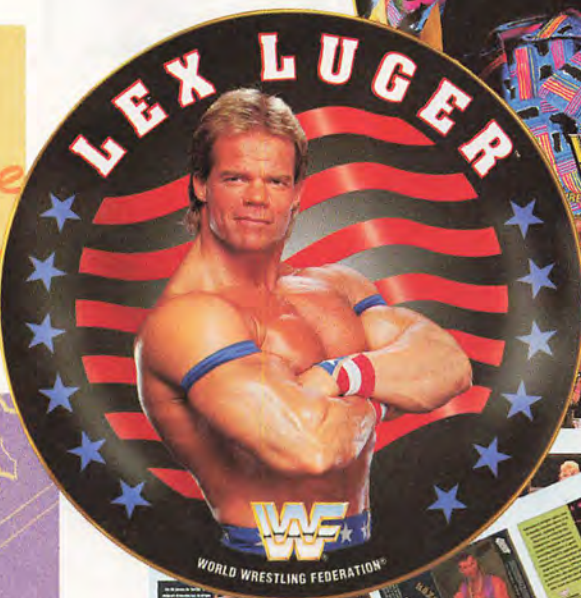
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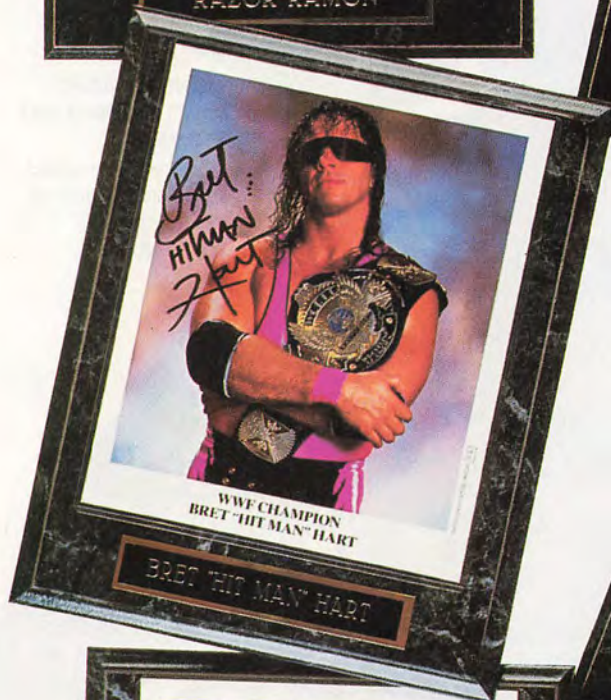
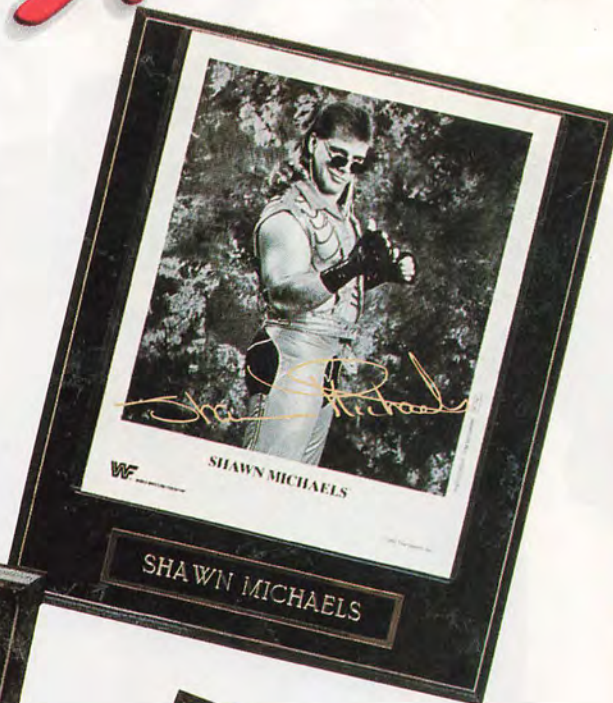
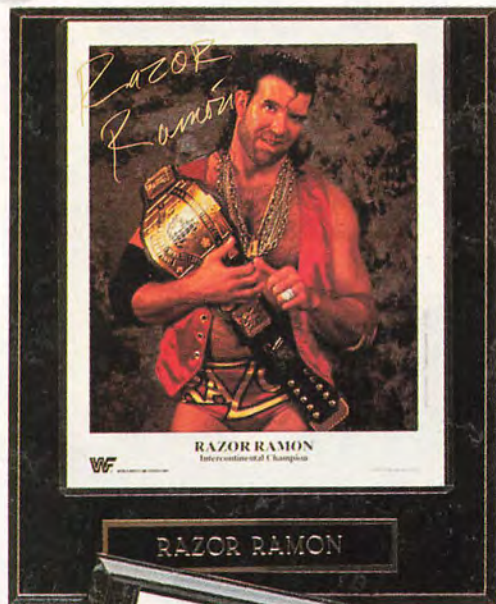
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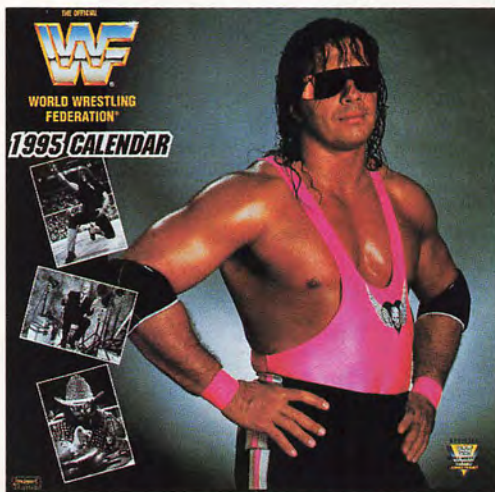


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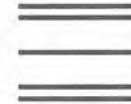
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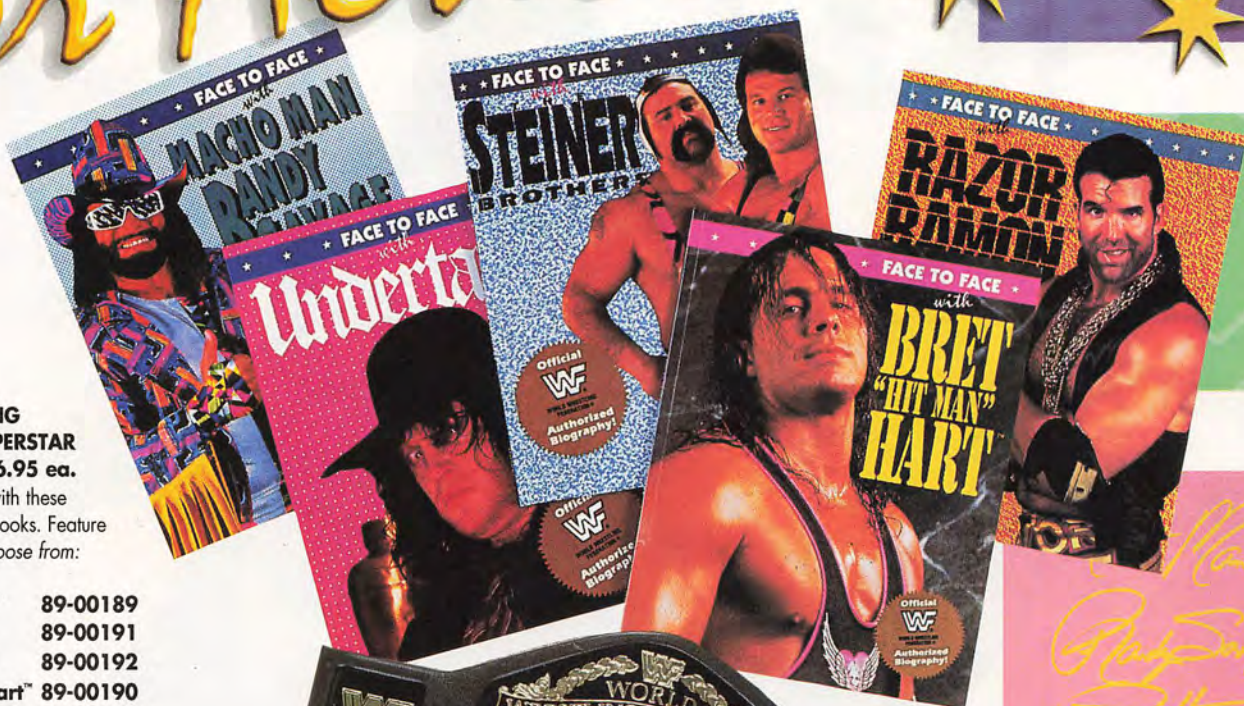
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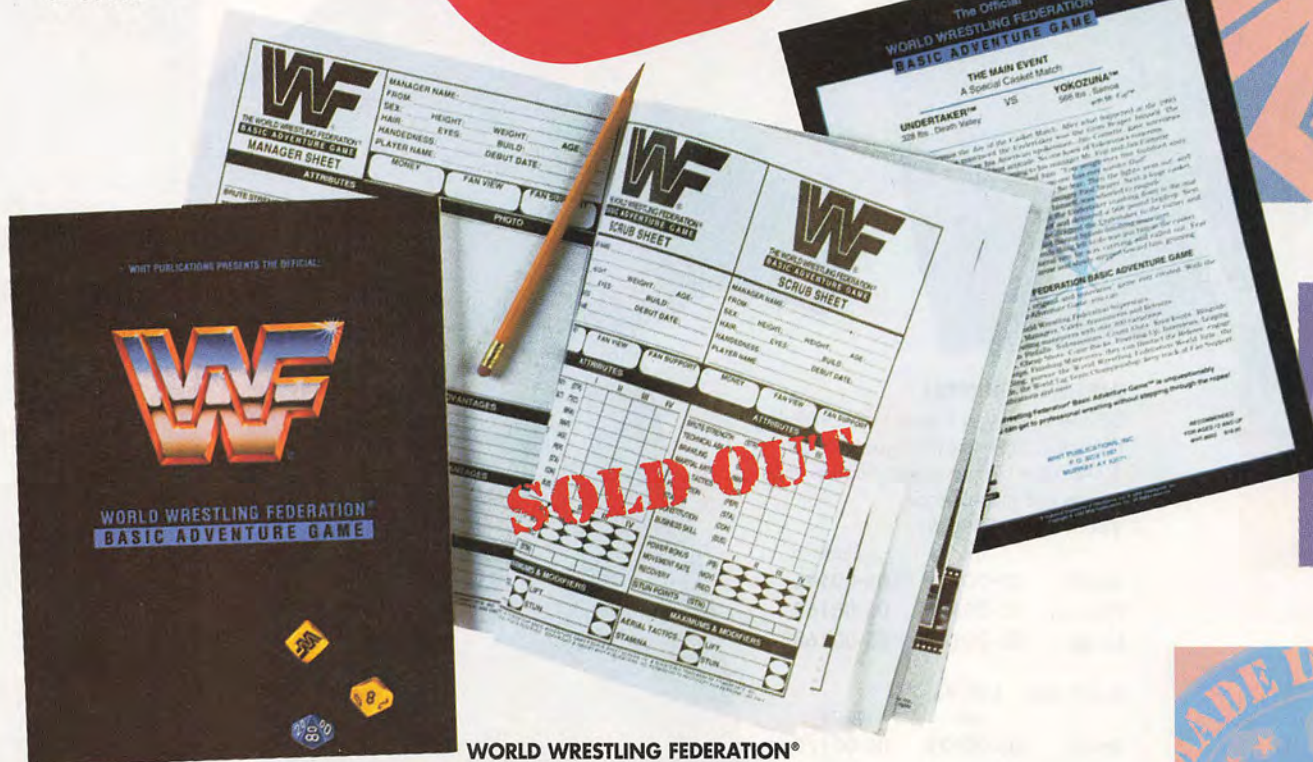
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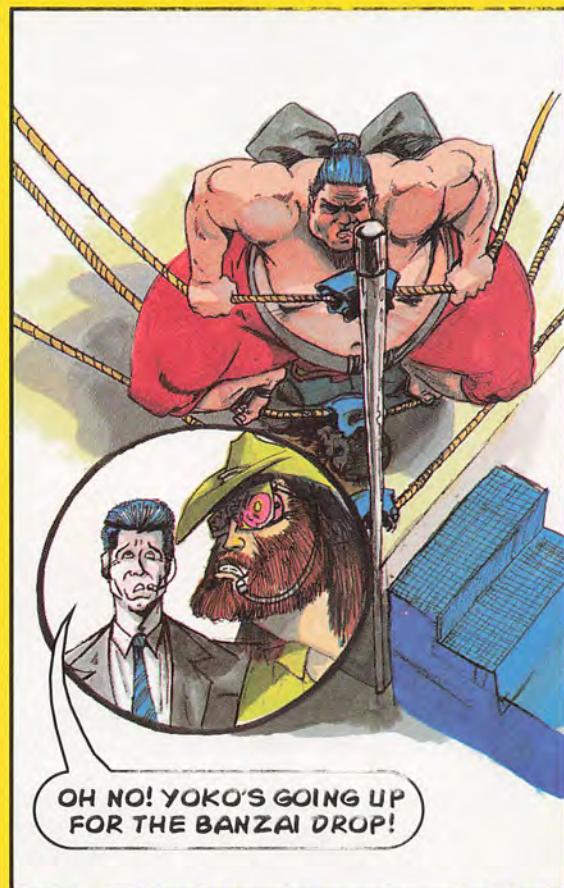
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# KING OF THE RING

On June 19 at Maryland's Baltimore Arena, Owen Hart—long frustrated over his place in his brother Bret's shadow—battled his way through three grueling matches, to capture the *King of the Ring* crown through dubious means. Owen announced that the tournament triumph proved his superiority over Bret, then demanded to be known forevermore as "King of Harts."

"Betrayal" is the only word that could describe Bret's feelings. For his championship clash with Diesel, he'd enlisted his brother-in-law and former tag team partner Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart as a corner man—to counter the Diesel's backup, Shawn Michaels. Not only did Anvil's antics result in Hit Man's disqualification, but Neidhart shocked the wrestling public by later playing a pivotal role in Owen's victory.

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### BRET "HIT MAN" HART vs. DIESEL

Following his recent ambush by Diesel and Shawn Michaels, Bret "Hit Man" Hart decided he needed someone he could trust in his corner for this crucial match. After the challenger entered the ring, the champion revealed his secret weapon: his brother-in-law Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart. For a stretch of several years, Hart and Neidhart—on the Hart Foundation, as they were known—were the dominant tag team in the Federation, holding the title on numerous occasions.

Hart immediately went toe-to-toe with his opponent, knocking him down with a legtrip, then headbutting his lower abdomen. The Hit Man then tried a figure-four followed by a spinning leglock. Even after Diesel broke the hold by kicking Bret out of the ring, Hart kept up the punishment, reaching up from ringside to ram the contender's leg into the steel ring post.



Diesel relied on his might to gain a lead, catching Bret during a leap off the turnbuckles and crunching him in a bearhug. When Hit Man attempted a dive over the top rope, Diesel stepped out of the way, watching the champion splatter onto the floor. After whipping Hart into the ring post, Diesel then delivered a side suplex in the ring. With Bret reeling, the challenger tried snapping the champion's spine by sprawling him across a knee and pressing down as hard as he could.

## BRET HART

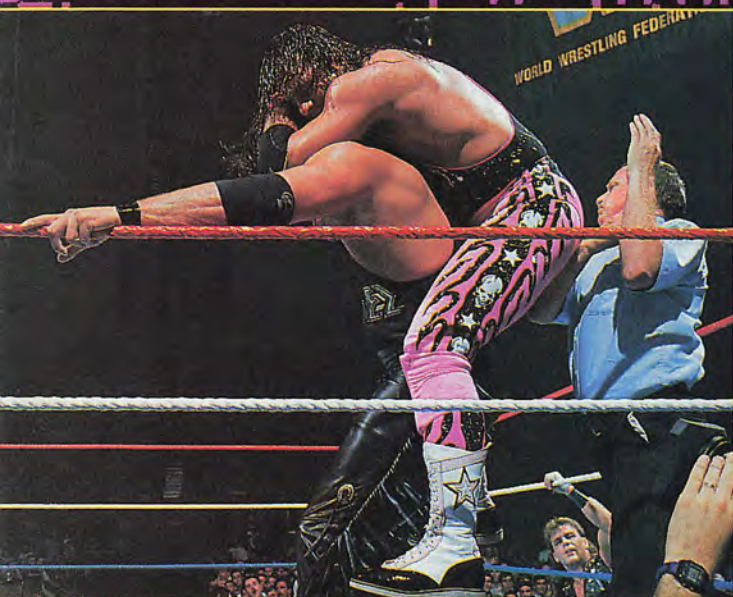
"At this point it's hard for me to put into words the real rotten feeling that I have inside. It's one thing to happen with my brother Owen—that was hard enough—but there was something really special about my relationship with Jim Neidhart over the years. All those years of going into battle together. I thought we were really tight. I guess, when we split up, we went our different ways. I did really well by myself, and I guess his road wasn't as smooth. I guess he had bad feelings from that. I wasn't aware of it. I've got to cut this thing off at the head. I've got to beat Owen once and for all!"

As Diesel kept up the pressure, Michaels loosened the padding on the steel turnbuckle. But when Diesel tried slamming Bret's head into the corner, the titlist reversed the move and uncorked a flurry of rights, staggering the big man.



# WRESTLING OFFICIAL RESULTS

By Keith Elliot Greenberg



Bret continued with three consecutive clotheslines, a side Russian leg sweep and an elbowdrop from the second turnbuckle. Bret then clamped on the Sharpshooter. But when Shawn climbed up on the ring apron, the Hit Man released the hold to batter his tormentor.

After disposing of the Boy Toy, the Hit Man focused his atten-

tion back on Diesel. Bret went for a backslide, a small package and a Boston crab. The titlist dropkicked Diesel over the top rope. When the challenger chose to chase after Anvil rather than

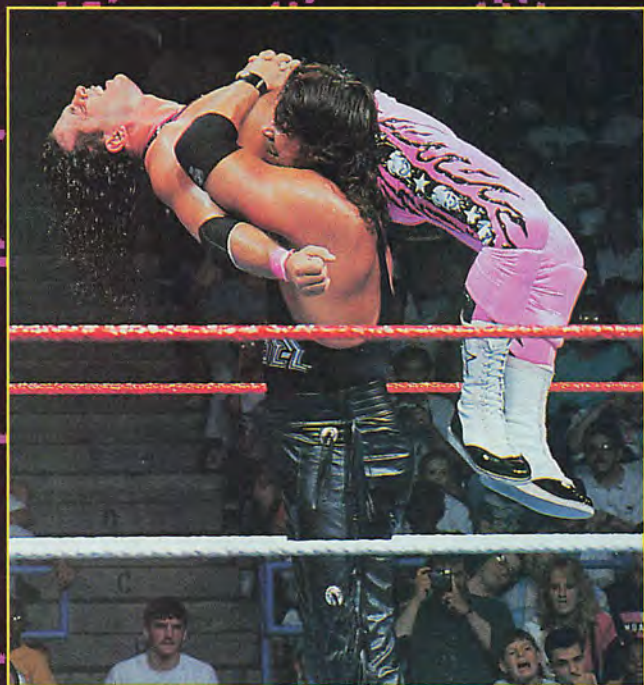
## DIESEL

"I had him in my finish, I jackknifed him, I executed my finish. Nobody has ever gotten up from that. As far as I'm concerned, I was going to win the match—until Neidhart interfered for whatever reason. That cost me the Federation Championship. I won the match, and a win's a win, but he's still the champion."

tion back to the ring, the referee's attention was diverted, allowing Michaels to sneak between the ropes and blast Hit Man with the Intercontinental Belt.

It was Diesel's turn to take charge. He elbowdropped Hit Man and began setting him up for the powerbomb. Certainly, Bret was in danger, but his fans had seen him come back from more critical situations before. That's why it was so bewildering when Neidhart brazenly entered the ring and punched out the contender, leading to a disqualification for the Hit Man.

Even more perplexing was Anvil's choice to then desert the squared circle, leaving Bret alone in the ring with Diesel and Shawn, who proceeded to pummel the champion. Only later in the night—when Neidhart aligned himself with his other brother-in-law Owen—did fans begin understanding the former tag titlist's ulterior motives.





## ROWDY RODDY PIPER vs. JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER



Lawler seemed committed to gaining a psychological victory. Weeks before the *King of the Ring* card during a segment of *King's Court*, Lawler brought out a youthful Roddy Piper imitator who heaped scorn on Hot Rod. Piper's response was meeting with the young man and enlisting his support for the Lawler match.

The self-proclaimed King of the World Wrestling Federation was aghast when Piper and his impersonator marched down the arena aisle together.

Piper took advantage of Lawler's surprise. Roddy wrapped his kilt around his opponent's head while punching and choking him at the same time. When Lawler made an attempt to

flee, Piper pursued him, holding the King in a full nelson and encouraging the kid to smash him.

Lawler seemed to forget about the match and focus on

### RODDY PIPER

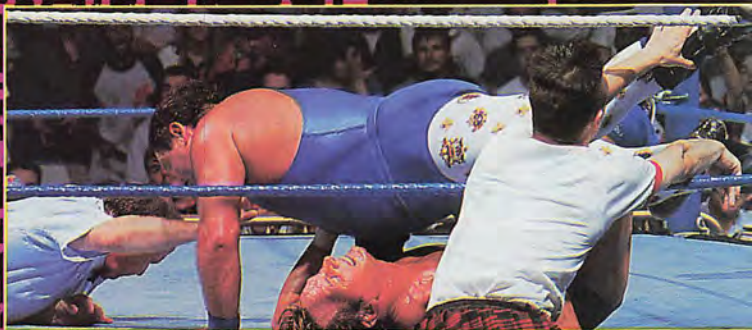
"I just want to say that I did this for the kids at the hospital in Toronto. Those kids have more guts in their little fingers than I've got in my whole body. I did the fighting—so that took 15 minutes—these kids have been fighting their whole lives, man."

the kid. He stalked the youngster outside the ring, finally grabbing him and rolling him into the ring. As Piper shielded the young man with his body, Lawler stomped on both of his detractors.

Once the kid managed to roll out of the ring, Lawler fo-

### JERRY LAWLER

"I never thought that Rowdy Roddy Piper would bring his daughter ringside with him. It was two against one, and the entire city of Baltimore was behind him. There'll be another place and time when I get my hands on Piper, and MAYBE he'll be man enough to face me one-on-one. The man can't even wrestle anymore. He's a joke!"



cused on Piper, dazing him with a sleeper and hammering him with a piledriver. Piper wobbled to his feet and dared the king to strike him again. Lawler was delighted to comply, blasting Hot Rod with a series of left hooks.

Piper hit the mat but came up punching. After Hot Rod delivered two bulldog headlocks, Lawler shoved his opponent into the referee, then produced a foreign object and clobbered the unpredictable Scotsman. The groggy referee came to just as Lawler was covering Hot Rod for a





near fall—unaware that the king's feet were on the ropes.

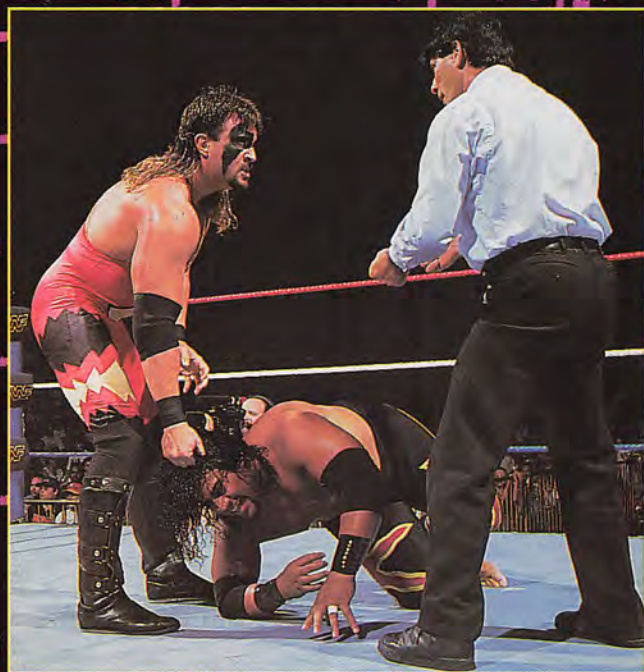
From ringside, the kid decided to take matters into his own hands. He swatted Lawler's feet off the cables, then watched in glee as Piper back-suplexed the king and pinned him in the center of the ring.

## TAG TEAM TITLE MATCH

### HEAD SHRINKERS vs. YOKOZUNA AND CRUSH

From the outset, this was destined to be a tough guy contest. Zeroing in on the biggest man in the ring, the Head Shrinkers attempted to wear down Yokozuna. Samu hit the former champion with a roundhouse kick, then dropkicked him onto the arena floor.

Crush fared no better against Fatu. Even after Crush drove



his adversary's head into the mat, Fatu got right back up, flooring his rival and hitting him with a headbutt from the top rope.

But Crush recuperated quickly from this attack and laced into Fatu with a clothesline and a piledriver. Then, after Crush

### JIM CORNETTE

"Everybody who watched that match saw the illegal Head Shrinker come into the ring and kick Crush from behind. What a bunch of back-jumpers. I'm calling my attorney. As a matter of fact, I'm calling the President, and when Hillary hears about this, I assure you that she'll do something about it!"

downed his rival with a legtrip, Yokozuna dropped a leg on the back of the victim's head.

Fatu luckily moved out of the way of a Yokozuna charge and tagged Samu. Samu unloaded on both contenders, powerslamming Crush and clotheslining Yokozuna. Fatu came back in to



help Irish whip the challengers into one another, then double thrustkick Yokozuna out of the ring.

As Samu mounted the ropes, Fatu went outside the ring to

### LOU ALBANO

"We went into the match with an open mind. Being that we had filmed many of their matches, we were able to spot their weaknesses. This gave us the upper hand, the decisive advantage. It was a trying contest that could have gone either way, but we did win."



continue brawling with Yokozuna. While Samu was balancing himself on the top turnbuckle, Fatu whipped Yokozuna into the ring post. As the entire ring shook, Samu slipped, injuring his groin area. Crush then superplexed Samu and further disabled him with a kneedrop.

Then an unexpected visitor arrived on the scene. Lex Luger—who'd been eliminated from a preliminary *King of the Ring* tournament match due to Crush's intervention—materialized, taunting his enemy. As Crush yelled back, Samu attempted a schoolboy. Crush tossed his opponent out of the ring but was still distracted. Fatu had little problem sneaking up behind Crush, whacking him with a thrustkick and scoring the pin—resulting in a post-match skirmish between Crush and Luger.



## ROUND ONE

### RAZOR RAMON vs. BAM BAM BIGELOW

**R**azor provoked Bigelow's volcanic rage by flicking a toothpick at his "main squeeze" Luna Vachon. Bigelow blew a fuse, pouncing on Ramon from behind, then victimizing him with a series of shoulderblocks, a bodyslam and a legdrop. Razor rebounded when Bam Bam missed a splash from the

#### RAZOR RAMON

"I've been one of Bam Bam Bigelow's biggest fans. I think he's one of the greatest stars in the World Wrestling Federation. He proved it tonight, but I guess the Bad Guy was just a little bit better."



#### BAM BAM BIGELOW

"Everything was going really well up until the end when I made one mistake. That one mistake cost me the match. I turned my back on him when I should have kept my eyes on him the whole time. I've got to put this behind me."



top rope. Perching himself on the second strand, Ramon lurched forward, driving Bigelow's head into the mat.

The momentum again shifted after Bam Bam tossed his opponent over the top rope. While Luna distracted the referee, Bigelow tortured his adversary, delivering a headbutt to the tough Cuban's recently broken nose followed by fists and headbutts to the lower back.

Bam Bam then hoisted his popular foe into the backbreaker, but Ramon refused to submit. After Bigelow was forced to release his opponent, Razor pulled off a quick suplex that sapped the strength from both men.

Believing there was no fight left in Ramon, Bigelow climbed the ropes for his patented moonsault. What he didn't realize was that Ramon was right behind him. The Bad Guy then scooped up the "Beast From the East" and pressed him to the mat for the victory.

### MABEL vs. IRS

**F**rom the opening bell, Mabel surprised everybody with a dazzling exhibition of ring maneuvers. In succession, Mabel clotheslined, bodyslammed, suplexed and elbowedropped the Taxman.

IRS seized the lead when his opponent missed a charge into the corner. Schyster then followed with a flying clothesline and a series of elbowedrops.

Mabel then came close to scoring a victory with a small package, but IRS managed to wiggle out. Mabel then delivered a sequence of haymakers, a backdrop and a clothesline.

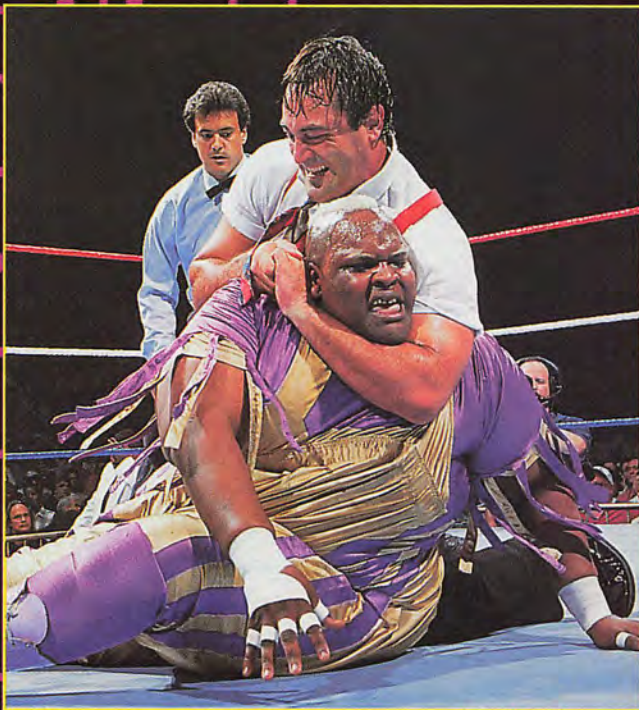
Mabel sealed his fate when he tried a flying move from the





## MABEL

"It takes a desperate man to cheat the way that IRS did tonight. He knew I had him beat. He couldn't do nothing with me. So what did he do? He shook the ropes, grabbed the ropes and then pinned me. No big deal. I'll get him back."



## IRS

"I told everyone coming into the tournament that I was going to take care of Mabel. I told everybody that it was time for Mabel—whoomp, there it is—to pay IRS."

ropes. As he scaled the turnbuckles, IRS shook the strands. Mabel hit the mat, and his opponent fell on top of him, hooking a leg and grabbing a rope while the referee slapped down a three-count that sealed the victory for the Taxman.

## TATANKA vs. OWEN HART

**T**atanka attempted to take an early start by overwhelming his opponent with a back-bodydrop, a suplex and two different types of armdrags. However, Owen used Tatanka's momentum against him, pro-

## TATANKA

"I thought I had the match. Then I made a mistake with the sunset flip. I tried to pull Owen down, and I leaned back a little bit too much. Working with a guy like Owen, a slight mistake like that can be a big mistake. And it was."



PELLING the Native American out of the ring as he ran the ropes. Once on the arena floor, Owen slung his opponent into the ring post. Back inside the ropes, Owen continued with a suplex, a dropkick from the top rope and a sleeperhold attempt.

Instead of crumpling to the canvas, Tatanka launched into his ritual tribal war dance, hitting Hart with knife edges and nearly knocking him out with a powerful DDT. When Owen tried a head scissors, Tatanka snatched him out of the air, crashing him to the mat with a powerslam.



Unfortunately for Tatanka, Owen reversed the tide as Tatanka was trying a sunset flip. Instead of rolling into a pinning combination, Hart fell on top of his rival, squeaking out a win.

## 1-2-3 vs. JEFF JARRETT

**I**n an effort to gain the upper hand in this match, the Kid flew at Double J with martial arts kicks. Then Jarrett slipped out onto the arena floor, where he reached back into the ring and tripped his opponent.

1-2-3 kept battling. After surviving a whip into the corner that rocked the ring, he came up behind Jarrett and attempted a small package. Double J responded with a flurry of punches that numbered 1-2-3. The young man put on the brakes as Jarrett



### 1-2-3 KID

"Double J had a strategy planned. He went for my leg early in the match. But he made one mistake, and that's all it took. I was able to get the three-count on him."



tried a dropkick. Double J dropped to the canvas, and 1-2-3 was all over him, doling out a victory roll and a slingshot suplex.

Even after 1-2-3 missed a somersault executed from the top rope, he wouldn't quit. As Jarrett attempted a superplex, 1-2-3 shoved him toward the center of the ring and flattened him with a flying bodypress.

Jarrett momentarily was able to gain the edge in the bout when 1-2-3 missed a charge into the corner. But as the Nashville native worked over his opponent's left leg, 1-2-3 reached up

### JEFF JARRETT

"They had a referee in there who gave me a quick count. I had the guy pinned numerous times during the match, and then all of a sudden he gets my shoulders down for less than a second, and they call that a three-count? A big ripoff, that's what it is."

and scored the win with a front cradle.

Pushing aside World Wrestling Federation officials, Double J attacked the victor after the bell, harming him with several knee-drops from the second rope and three piledrivers.

### SEMI FINAL ROUND

### RAZOR RAMON vs. IRS

**B**efore IRS even entered the ring, Ramon attacked him, ramming his head into the ring post. IRS took out his vengeance in the ring, snapping and elbowdropping his opponent and trapping him in a painful backbreaker. IRS then stampeded at Razor, who sidestepped the move, sending the



### RAZOR RAMON

"Me and the Taxman got a little bit of history. We've been knocking heads all around the world. I never get tired of slapping the Taxman around."

tax collector onto the hard concrete floor.

The Cuban Bad Guy pulled IRS out of the ring and smashed his face into the steel ring steps. Schyster choked Razor in the ring. Ramon led his opponent around the mat by his tie, then flipped him onto the canvas.

### IRS

"Ramon tried to jump me from behind in the dressing room. Not only that, but as I was handing my glasses to the ringboy prior to the start of the match, he jumped me again. He was lucky to come out with a victory."

The confrontation was getting heated. But Ramon found the presence of mind to turn the battle back into a wrestling match by taking out his enemy with the Razor's Edge.

### 1-2-3- KID vs. OWEN HART

**H**art brutally kicked his opponent as he tried to enter the ring. As 1-2-3 staggered about on the arena floor, Owen dived over the top rope and splashed him, then continued the torture inside the ring.

But 1-2-3 wasn't going to quit, treating Owen to a moonsault and crucifix, followed by a suplex a few moments later. As both men lay tangled on the canvas, 1-2-3 bridged up, placing Owen's shoulders in a pinning position. Had Owen not draped his foot over the bottom rope, the 1-2-3 Kid would have been victorious.

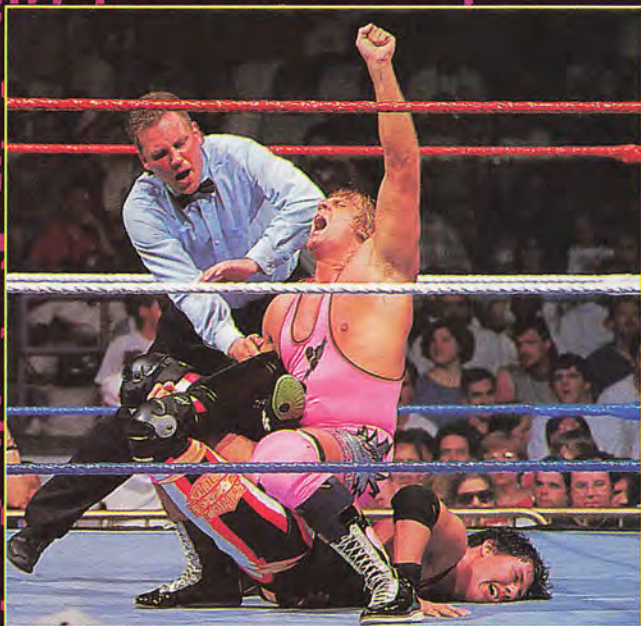
### 1-2-3 KID

"I've got to take my hat off to Owen Hart. He's one of the best wrestlers around, and he proved it tonight."

The onslaught continued. 1-2-3 dived over the ropes onto Hart and later caught him in a victory roll.

However, when 1-2-3 hurled himself at Owen, Hart stepped





aside, grabbed his opponent, powerbombed him and locked him in the Sharpshooter. 1-2-3, struggled valiantly to break the hold before finally submitting.

### FINAL ROUND

## RAZOR RAMON vs. OWEN HART

The early stages of the match involved a series of flashy moves and quick counters. Owen attempted a cross-body-block. Ramon caught him and slammed him to the mat. Hart tried a dropkick. Razor grabbed his opponent's legs and slingshot him into the turnbuckles. Owen went for a backslide. Ramon reversed the maneuver.



After bashing Razor with a flying kick to the face, Hart tried ending the match with an abdominal stretch. Undaunted, Razor hiptossed his adversary onto the canvas, then lifted him sideways and tossed him backward.

Ramon surged ahead with a superplex. Hoping to set up Hart for the Razor's Edge, the tough Latino positioned his rival for the piledriver. But, in a display of might, Hart lifted Ramon and backflipped him out of the ring.

Razor agonized on the arena floor, trying to psych himself up

to continue fighting. When Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart came charging down the aisle, most fans assumed he was coming to Ramon's aid. This appeared to be the case—until Anvil shocked mat watchers by smashing Razor into the ring post and shoving him into the ring.

Physically hurt and utterly confused, Ramon put up little resistance, as Owen scaled the turnbuckles and came off with a flying elbow to claim the *King of the Ring* title.

Then, as the spectators watched in astonishment, Neidhart crouched low and lifted Razor for a clothesline by Owen. The maneuver, known as the Hart



Attack, was favored by the Anvil and Bret Hart when they were Tag Team Champions. Now, in his quest to outdo his brother, Owen had adopted the same tactic. **WF**

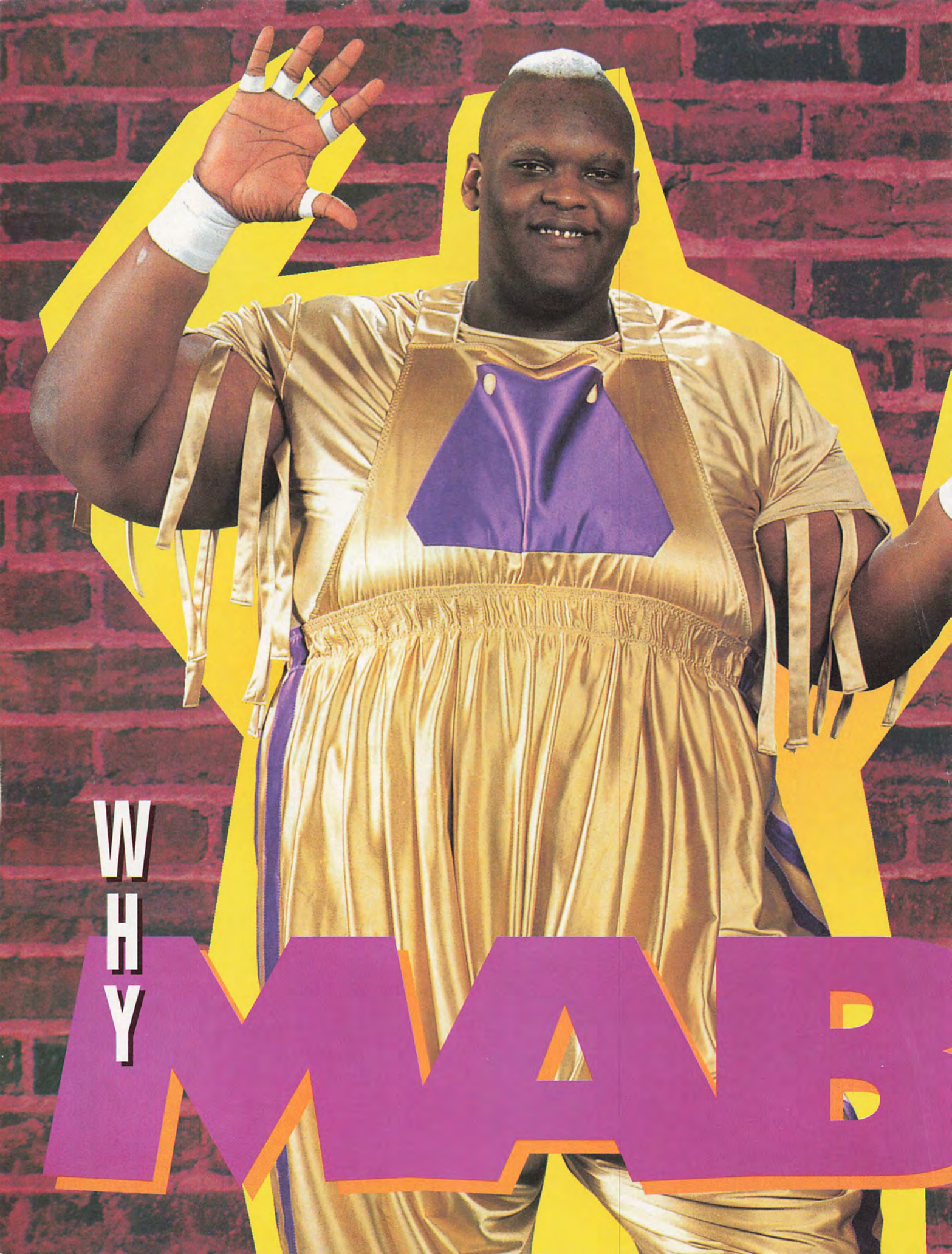
### OWEN HART

"I'm on top of this world! I am King of the Ring! I went through Tatanka—who was pretty tough. Then 1-2-3 Kid—I've got to give him credit. Then the big guy Razor Ramon. I went out there, and I nailed Razor Ramon. I knocked him out. He was beat. And don't be coming up with any excuses about Jim Neidhart. I never even expected him. I was shocked when he came out to the ring.

"I am now the 1994 King of the Ring, and I want everybody to take heed. I want to be known as the King of Harts. Bret's going to be hiding behind that belt, but it's only a matter of time. Just give me a title shot, and I'll beat you—brother!"







WHY

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## A COMMENTARY BY VINCE RUSSO

"GO, MABEL. GO, MABEL. GO, MABEL, GO!" RAPS OSCAR FROM RINGSIDE, AS BARKS FROM THE DOG POUND THUNDER THROUGH THE COMPLEX. "WHOOOMP, THERE IT IS, WHOOOMP, THERE IT IS" SOON FOLLOWS, AS HIS 503-POUND VERSION OF MC HAMMER BUSTS A MOVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SQUARED CIRCLE. WITH THE SPOTLIGHTS BOUNCING OFF HIS GOLDEN TEETH CAUSING LIGHT SABERS TO FIRE THROUGH THE AIR, MABEL SAVORS THE MOMENT AND SLAPS HIS TWO HUGE PAWS TOGETHER HIGH ABOVE HIS HEAD.

WHAT WAS TO BE A WRESTLING MATCH HAS TURNED INTO



A RAP CONCERT. IT'S RUN M-A-B. THE HOMIES GOT IT GOING ON. ALL AMPED UP WITH NO PLACE TO GO. THEY'RE ILLIN', CHILLIN' AND THRILLIN'. THEY'RE THE POSSE, AND THEY'RE IN THE HOUSE. LIVIN' LARGE. SNOOPY THE DOG AND DR. DRE. IN THE HOOD. JAMMIN', SLAMMIN', WHAMMIN'. COLOR ME BAD. DISSIN', HISSIN', LET'S ALL GO FISHIN'.



# MABEL NEEDS THE MASTER

Word to my mother—Mabel needs Mr. Fuji.

The soul train needs to stop here, homies. Mabel is killin' his career. He needs to dis Oscar and pull a bobby-brown (that's homie for to go off



on one's own). End the "House Party." It's time to send Kid-n-Play home. Mabel needs to get all that out of his mouth (that's homie for stop lying) and face the facts. He ain't got nothin' goin', and he ain't goin' nowhere with OSCAR!

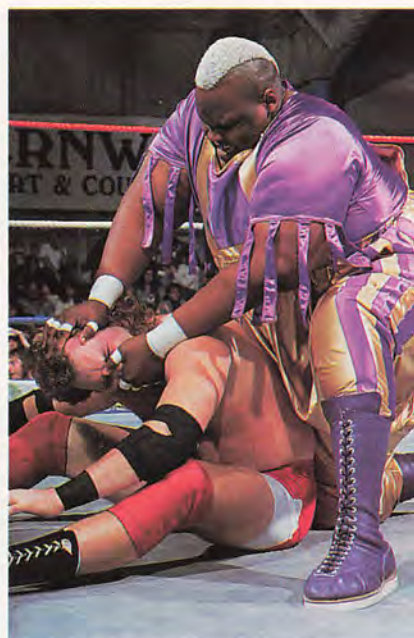
Mabel needs answers, and he needs them fast. Ironically enough, the answers may be right in front of his face. Look to the East, young Mabel, the Far East. To a land that is much different from yours. A land where warm saki is fashionable and Ice Cube is a frozen square of water. Where Godzilla is king, and Flava Flav is unknown. A place where rap is nothing more than a knock on the door. That place is Japan. The Land of the Rising Sun. The country that Mr. Fuji calls home.

That's right, Mr. Fuji. There is no reason for me to sit here at my computer and defend him. His record speaks for itself. Yokozuna, two-time World Wrestling Federation Champion; Crush, No. 1 contender. Those two men can thank the honorable Master Fuji for their careers. What many fans fail to realize is that Fuji teaches his students much more than how to wrestle (Fuji himself was a great competitor and tag team cham-

pion). He teaches them discipline, he teaches them control and he teaches them respect. Those are what you call intangibles. Attributes that Mabel lacks. Mabel has size, Mabel has strength and Mabel has speed, but nobody's home in Mabel's mohawked head.

Is this the big man's fault? No, he simply doesn't know better. Oscar is his friend, so he goes around with Oscar. No problem? Big problem. Oscar is a rapper; Mr. Fuji is a genius. Granted, Fuji can't rap a lick, but he could bring Mabel the World Wrestling Federation Title.

Look, I'm not a bad guy, and I don't dislike Mabel, BUT Mabel had better



get educated. Sure, Oscar can bust a rhyme, but where is that going to get Mabel? Maybe a free ticket to the Grammy Awards? Maybe backstage at a Salt-n-Pepa concert? Maybe a spot on MTV's Rock-n-Jock team? Maybe a wee part in House Party IV? He is not—I repeat, is not—going to put Mabel on top of the World Wrestling Federation.

Fuji, on the other hand, will. The Master knows how to get the most out of his men. Call it an age-old Japa-

nese secret, or call it whatever you want, but Fuji gets the job done. Where was Crush going before Fuji came along? He was in Hawaii, considering hanging up his tights. Fuji got hold of him and turned his career around. Now Crush is a wrecking machine. The No. 1 contender. And Yokozuna? Two reigns as World Wrestling Federation Champion speak for themselves.

Fuji, if anything, does have one major flaw: He can be manipulated. Not by his men, of course, but by fast-talking, racquet-wielding advisers. Fuji made a mistake by signing on James E. Cornette, but heck, Cornette can talk Madonna into trying to act like a lady. Lately it has been Cornette's misinformation that has cost Yokozuna and Crush matches, not Mr. Fuji's expertise. Fuji remains the old master, making Confucius look like Beavis and Butt-head.

The bottom line is this—it's Mabel's call. He may be thinking that he's all that, but he's not. He keeps rappin', but he's not happenin'. Not until he drops the rap master and signs the real master. Mr. Fuji holds the key to his future. WHOOMP, there it is! **WF**



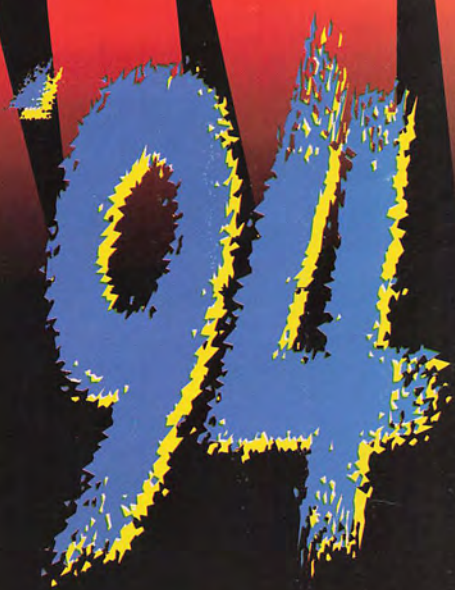


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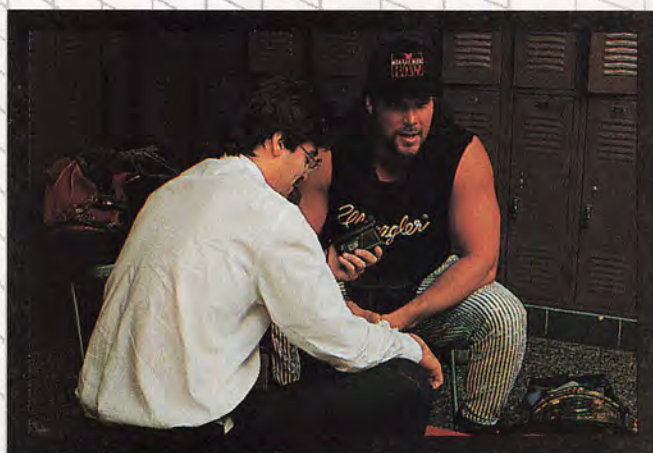
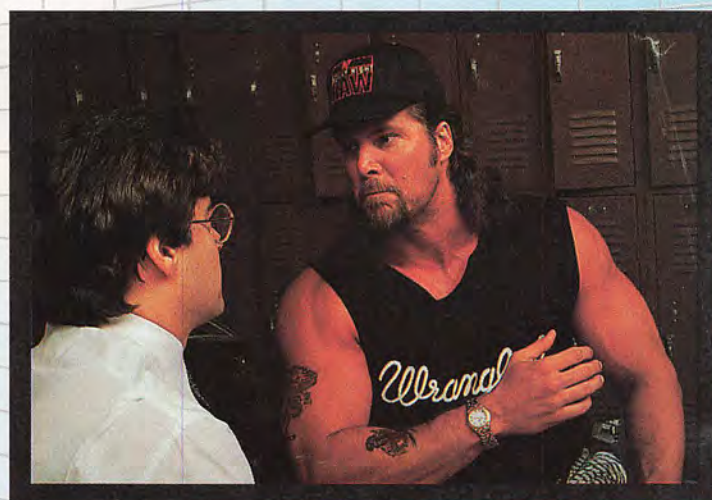
# IN THE FIRE

# TA

**T**owering at 7', 317 pounds, nobody, I mean NOBODY, has been able to flag down the mighty Diesel. The Hellraiser of the Highway has not just beaten but has virtually **TOTALED** every opponent who has stepped in his path. This menacing road warrior possesses not only a frame of granite but a rock-hard heart to match it. As a matter of

fact, he has NO heart. Diesel has proved that he doesn't just want to pin opponents, but he wants to crush them or to put it more fittingly, to "RUN OVER" them.

However, just as the Terminator's soft spot was John Connor (that punk son of Sarah Connor), Diesel has a mushy splotch of his own—the Heartbreak Kid, Shawn Michaels. Why? I haven't



the faintest clue. That's why I went to the source and attempted to find out about it for myself.

**EDITOR:** Diesel, let's talk about Shawn Michaels for a second. Why are you giving all YOUR credit to Shawn Michaels?

**DIESEL:** Why am I giving all of my credit to Shawn Michaels?

**EDITOR:** Yes. Why? I mean you're a monster, a

wrecking machine. Why do you need Shawn Michaels? In every interview you give, you hand all the credit over to Shawn Michaels. Why don't you give some credit to yourself? You are the Intercontinental Champion, NOT Shawn Michaels.

**DIESEL:** Haven't we had this conversation before? How many times am I going to have to answer



# FORGET:

## BIG DADDY COOL, DIESEL

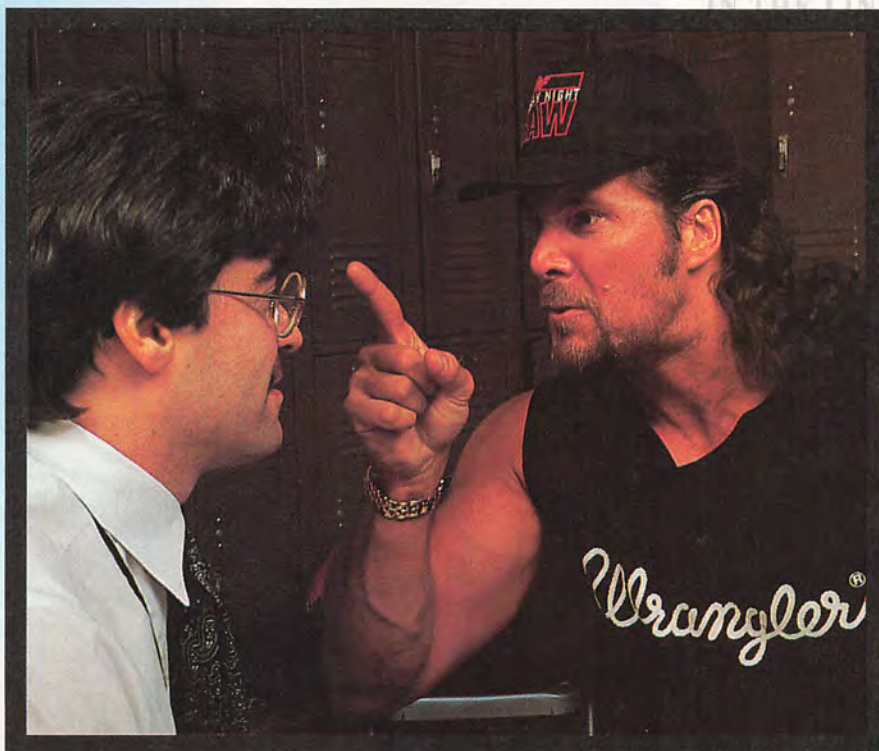
these questions? I guess you haven't gotten the message yet. This is the last time I'm going to deal with your line of questioning. Yes, I am the Intercontinental Champion, but the fact of the matter is that Shawn Michaels was the guy who brought me into this federation. Shawn Michaels is the one who helped me get the belt. Shawn Michaels showed me how to be a champion. So, tell me, why shouldn't I give Shawn Michaels credit?

**EDITOR:** Well, Diesel, let's go a little further into detail. You rather easily defeated Razor Ramon to capture the Intercontinental Title. If you remember correctly, Shawn Michaels couldn't defeat Razor to

win back the Intercontinental Title. In other words, you beat Razor on your own AFTER Shawn failed to get the job done.

**DIESEL:** You're right. But you also have to look in retrospect and say that

Shawn Michaels was never PINNED by Razor Ramon. The only time Razor Ramon beat Shawn Michaels was in a Ladder Match. He didn't pin him. So if he didn't pin him, then nobody beat nobody.



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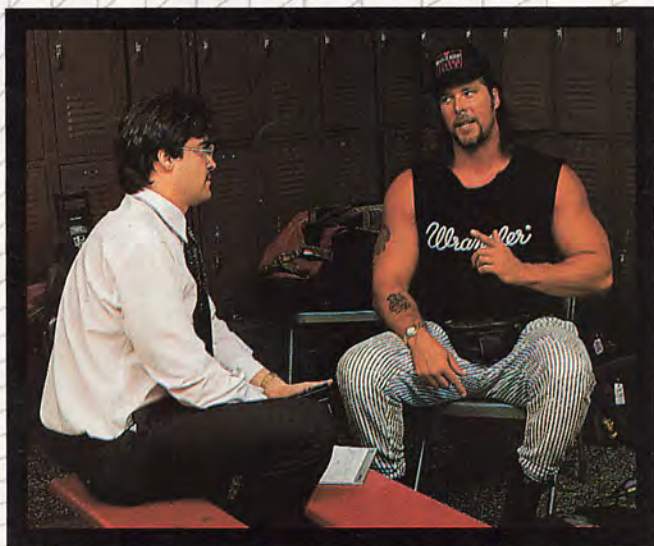
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# IN THE RING OF FIRE



**EDITOR:** It sounds to me as if you're making excuses for Shawn Michaels, but let's forget that and move on. If Shawn Michaels is all that you say he is, then why did he cost you the *Royal Rumble*? You were effortlessly eliminating opponents one by one until Shawn Michaels played a hand in having YOU eliminated. Let's talk about that.

**DIESEL:** I hate to sound redundant, but since you're being so persistent..... Shawn Michaels didn't cost me the *Royal Rumble*. Five guys tried to throw me out of the ring, and Shawn grabbed my boot and tried to pull me

back in. I watched the tape 100 times, and there's no indication that Shawn Michaels did anything to

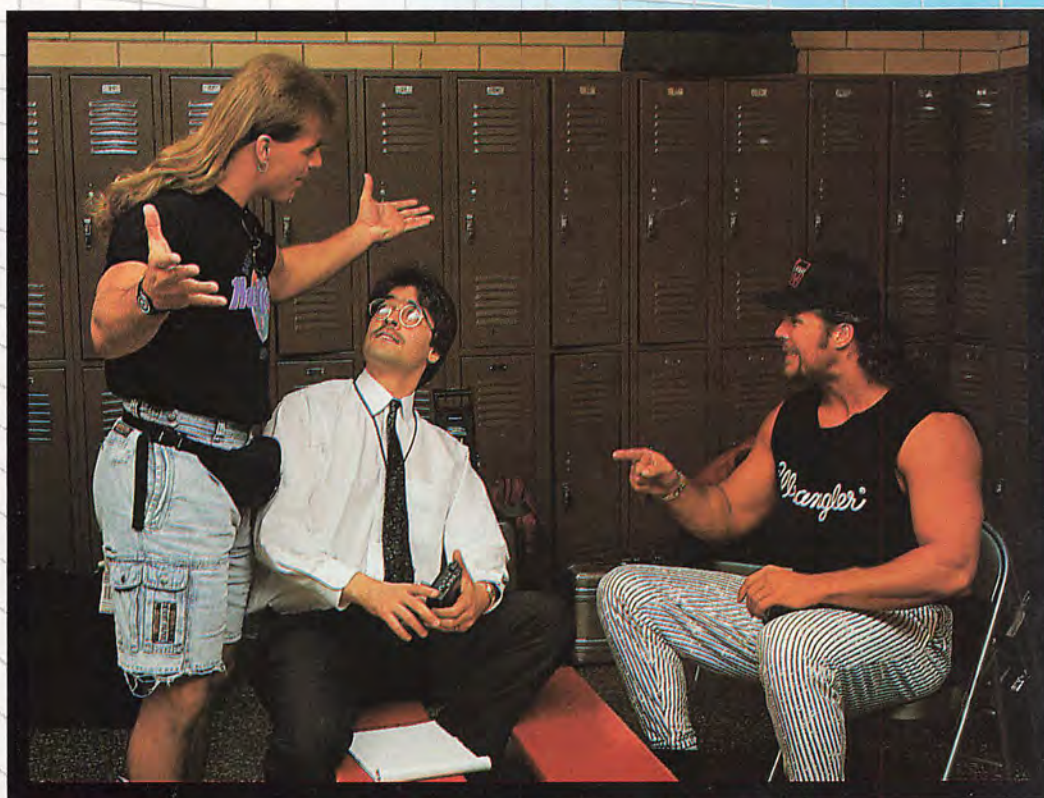
have me eliminated.

**EDITOR:** Diesel, many people are saying that Shawn Michaels has you brainwashed. Is that true?

**DIESEL:** (Getting hot under the collar) Look, I read your ridiculous article in the last issue of that rag of a magazine. All I have to say is that you or any of these fans that are questioning my relationship with Shawn Michaels are just trying to stir up controversy. That's what you get paid for, isn't it?

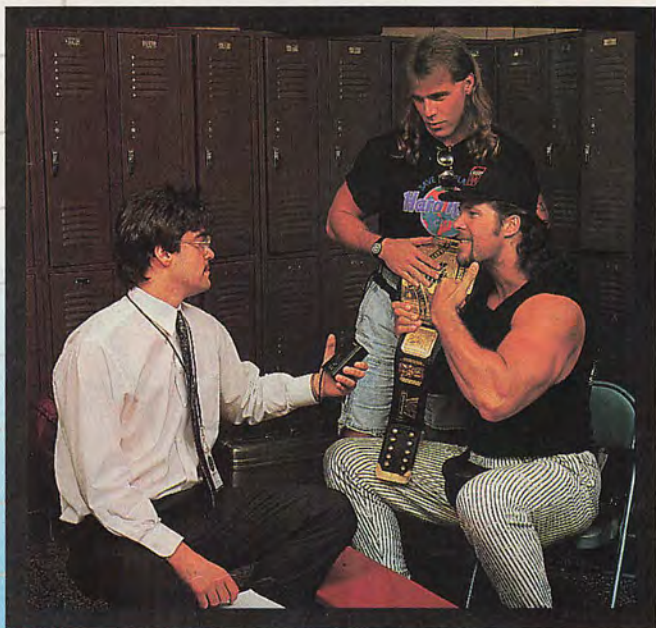
**EDITOR:** Diesel, it's not only me, but it's a majority of the fans. People are saying that all Shawn Michaels cares about is Shawn Michaels. That Shawn Michaels is only in this for the ride. That Shawn Michaels really doesn't care about Diesel.

**DIESEL:** (Losing his patience) The fans? The fans? What do the fans know? The fans sit in the seats; they have their own perception. Their perception is not behind the





# BIG DADDY COOL, DIESEL



scenes. Do the fans go up and down the road with Shawn Michaels?

**EDITOR:** If you feel so strongly about Shawn Michaels, then why don't you just hand the Intercontinental Belt over to him?

**DIESEL:** Why would I do a thing like that?

**EDITOR:** Well, if you say that Shawn Michaels was responsible for getting you the belt, then why not just give it to him?

**DIESEL:** (Yelling) That's your last question. This interview is over!

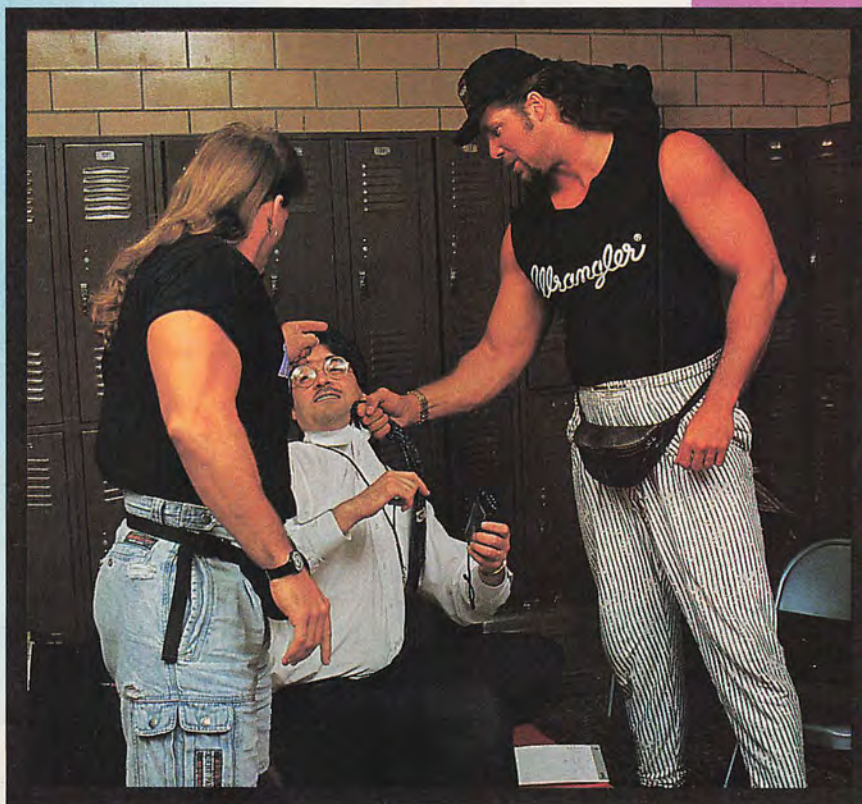
**EDITOR:** When are you going to stand on your own two feet? When are you going to realize the fact that you don't need

## Shawn Michaels?

(Hearing the commotion, the Boy Toy himself, Shawn Michaels, enters the

room. Apparently the Heartbreak Kid had been eavesdropping all along.)

**MICHAELS:** What's your problem, Jack? Don't you know when an interview is over? The bottom line is that people can't stand the fact that Big Daddy Cool and I get along so well. All you and the fans and your magazine want to do is stir up stuff between us. (Ripping my questions) You're the one with the problem, Jack. We don't have any problems! Bye-bye. **WF**





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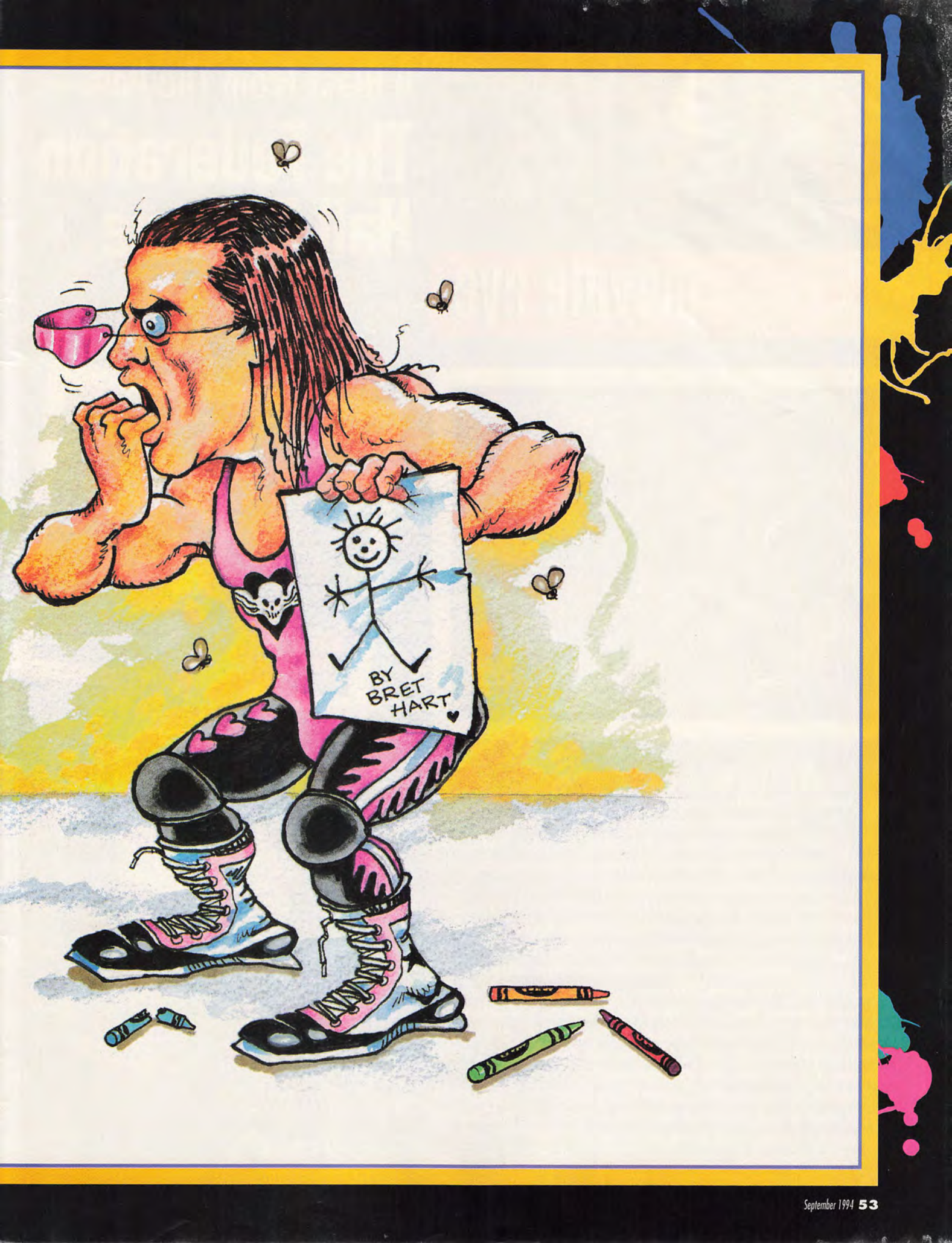
I saw some of Bret Hart's artwork in the July issue of World Wrestling Federation Magazine. You've got to be kidding me! Bret Hart an artist? This guy couldn't even draw flies! He only knows MICHELANGELO as one of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! The Hit Man doesn't know a paintbrush from a hairbrush!

If you PEONS want to experience some real art, then just turn the page.

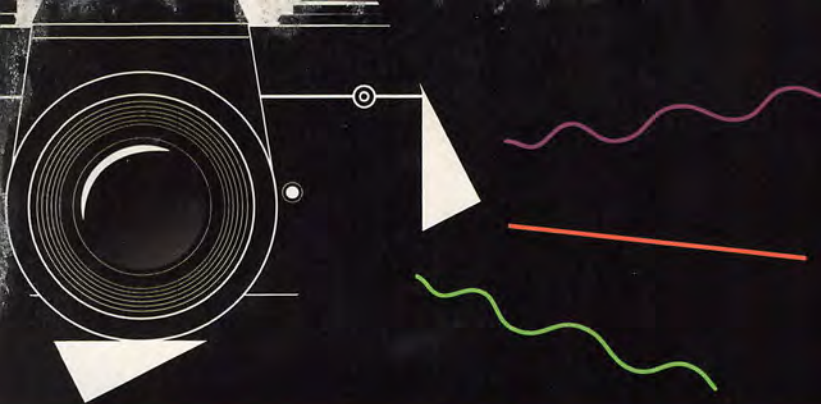








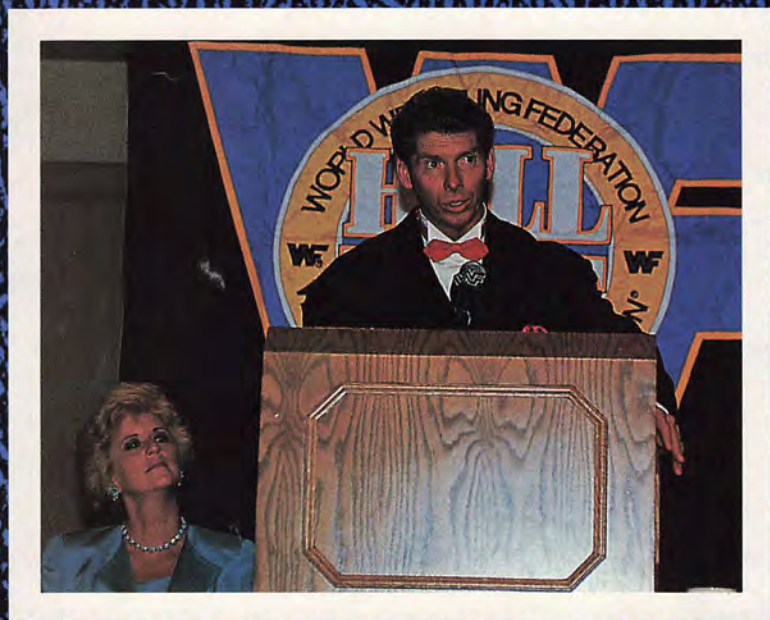




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# A Blast From The Past— The Federation Hall Of Fame

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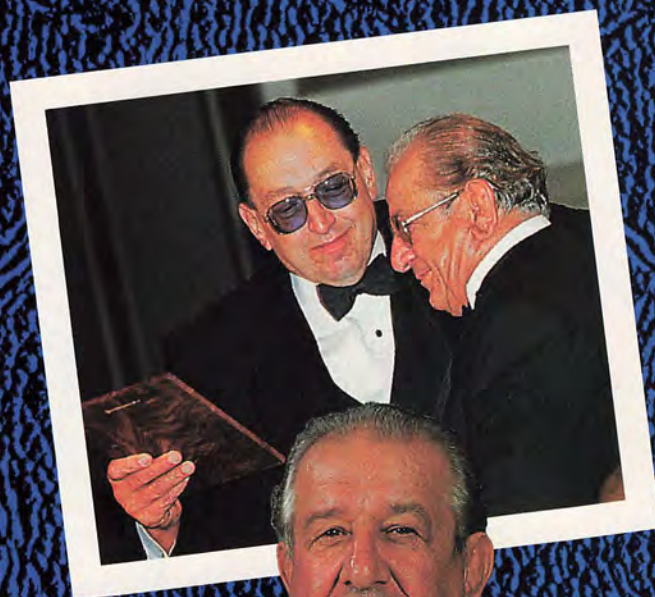
**H**istory was made this past June 9 when the World Wrestling Federation inducted several wrestling legends into the Hall of Fame. The ceremonies took place at the opulent Omni Inner Harbor International Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, and it was, without question, an event that made everyone in attendance proud to be associated with the wrestling industry.

World Wrestling Federation Chief Executive Officer and commentator Vince McMahon served as the event's emcee. He introduced the legends while videos provided rare insight into their careers.

Some of wrestling's most unforgettable superstars were inducted into the Hall of Fame, which is home to the late Andre the Giant—the first-ever inductee. They were Chief Jay Strongbow, the Golden Boy Arnold Skaaland, manager extraordinaire James Dudley, Bobo Brazil, Classy Freddie Blassie, Gorilla Monsoon and the Federation's first champion, the late, great Nature Boy Buddy Rogers.

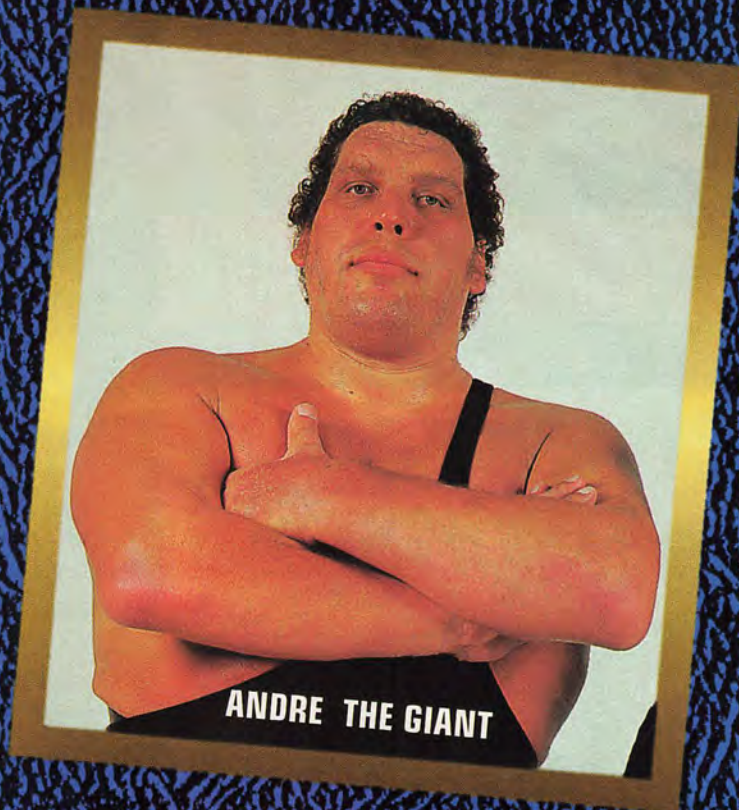
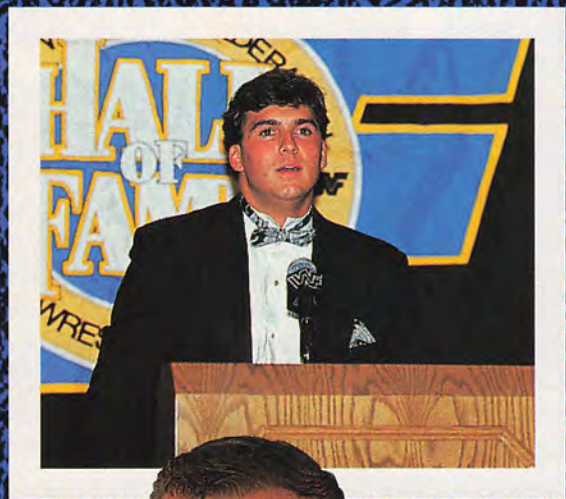
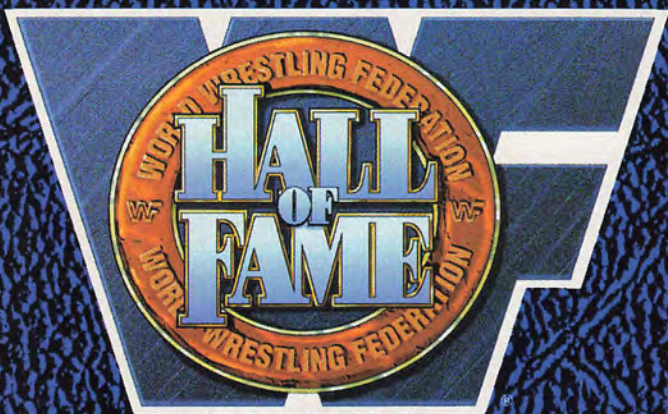
Members of the wrestling fraternity presented the legends with special awards and recounted their careers in a way that brought smiles to many faces, tears to others.

Gorilla's introduction of Strongbow was heart-moving. The same could be said for Shane McMahon—Vince and Linda McMahon's son



CHIEF  
JAY STRONGBOW





**ARNOLD  
SKAALAND**



**JAMES  
DUDLEY**

*Vince and Linda McMahon opened the Hall of Fame. Gorilla Monsoon, Chief Jay Strongbow, James Dudley and Arnie Skaaland are among those sharing space with the late Andre the Giant.*



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and the fourth generation McMahon to be fully employed in the wrestling industry—who made an inspirational speech for Skaland, himself a long-time associate of the McMahons, dating back to Jess McMahon in the 1940s.

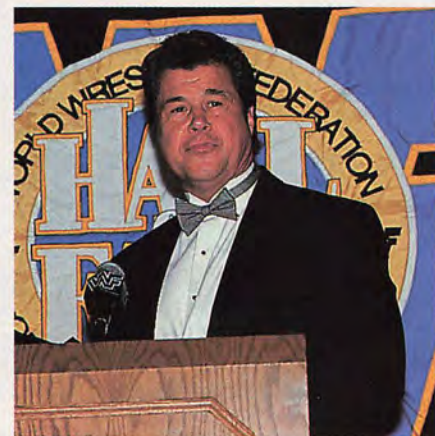
Big Cat Ernie Ladd told of how tough it was to be a black wrestler in the turbulent 1960s, and his presentation to Bobo Brazil stirred the higher passions of everyone at the Omni.

Regis Philbin, co-host of *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee*, talked about his memories of professional wrestling in Los Angeles and presented rare footage of Blassie from the 1960s. Blassie later spoke and thanked everyone who helped him along the way, specifically his beautiful wife.

David Rogers, son of the late Buddy Rogers, accepted his father's award with great honor. Rogers was the Federation's first World Champion and a respected man both in and out of the ring. Buddy's life was recounted with fondness by his then-manager, Bobby Davis.

Walter "Killer" Kowalski, one of the most brutal athletes ever in professional wrestling, presented Monsoon with his award and made a reference to Razor Ramon and Bret Hart, citing how fortunate they are to be competing in this generation instead of yesterday's generation, a time when the profitability of wrestling was limited and wrestlers' careers were counted from match to match—mile to mile along the nation's highways.

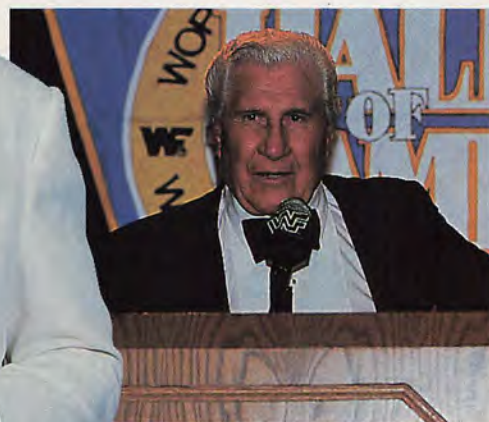
James Dudley, 84, holds a special significance in the Federation. In addition to managing the career of Bobo



**GORILLA  
MONSOON**



**BOBO  
BRAZIL**





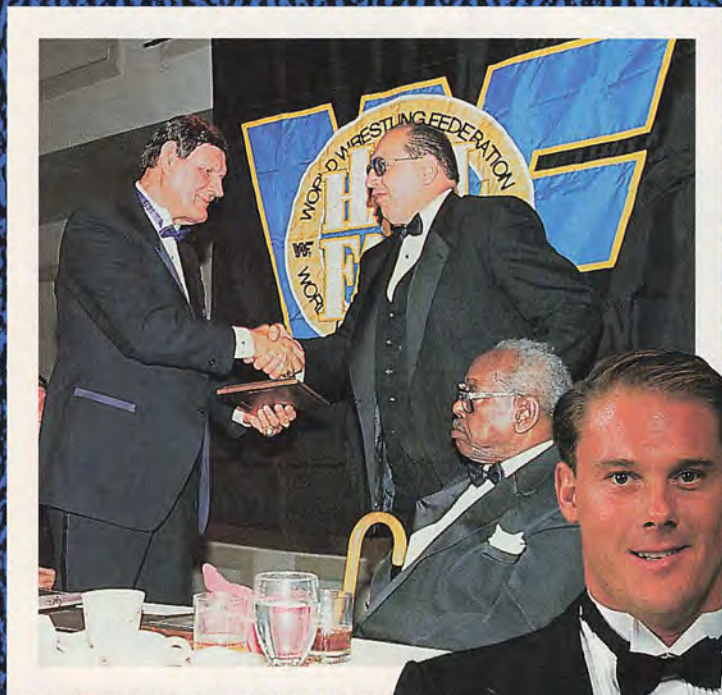
Brazil, Dudley also worked as the late Vince McMahon Sr.'s bodyguard and driver. "The boss will always be the boss," Dudley said of the elder McMahon prior to his induction.

To many, this was the crowning moment of illustrious careers, some of which spanned 50 years in the sport of kings.

"I was trained by Jumpin' Joe Savoldi, and I had my first match against him in [hometown] Benton Harbor, Michigan," said Brazil, a man who wrestled for 39 years and would have continued to do so to this day had he not broken his hip last winter while shoveling snow. "It's a beautiful thing."

"This is the greatest honor of my life," said Skaaland, who has been involved in the wrestling industry for over a half-century. "It seems as if time went by so fast."

"All this hasn't set in yet," Strongbow said as he glanced across the ballroom. "It probably won't for a while."



"This occurrence came a lot sooner than I expected," Monsoon said with a smile. "I thought induction into my college alma mater's Hall of Fame was the pinnacle of my wrestling career, but this far surpasses that."

"Words can't describe how I feel about all this," Blassie said of his induction.

During his acceptance speech, Rogers' son David said, "My father would have been proud."

At the conclusion, everyone at the head table embraced, a reminder of the closeness of the wrestling fraternity. **W**

**Ernie Ladd gave Bobo Brazil his award, while David Rogers accepted an award to his father. Freddie Blassie was honored by Regis Philbin, and Killer Kowalski gave Gorilla Monsoon an award.**

**DAVID  
ROGERS**

**CLASSY  
FREDDIE BLASSIE**



## Legends Meet the Legends

The Federation's Hall of Fame ceremonies are covered from top to bottom in this edition of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*. Thus, it would be redundant to write any more about the all-time greats who were inducted into the Hall of Fame on June 9.

However, there were many luminaries in attendance who did not receive much ballyhoo. *Lowdown* feels that it is only fair to mention some of the former greats who were on hand to support the World Wrestling Federation's Hall of Famers.

Two of the Valiant Brothers—Johnny and Jimmy—showed up at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel. They



were joined by such superstars as Polish Power Ivan Putski, Tito Santana, Killer Kowalski, the Unpredictable Johnny Rodz, Tony Garea, Baron Mikel Scicluna and former Federation Champion Sgt. Slaughter, among others.

*Lowdown* was touched to hear these gentlemen reminisce about the old days later that evening in the hotel lounge. Some of the names bandied about included those of High Chief Peter Maivia, Haystacks Calhoun and Eddie Graham, all of whom, unfortunately, are now deceased.

*Legends met legends at the Hall of Fame.*

## Where They've Been, Superstars Step Out

Razor Ramon was a special guest at Corey Sands' eighth birthday party held at a reception area in the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, New York.

Johnny Polo, Tatanka, 1-2-3 Kid and World Wrestling Federation Women's Champion Alundra Blayze participated in a benefit dinner for the Stamford Lion's Club at Peppino's Restaurant in Stamford, Connecticut.

Tatanka made a paid appearance at a Bob's Surplus Store in Amherst, New York, this past spring.

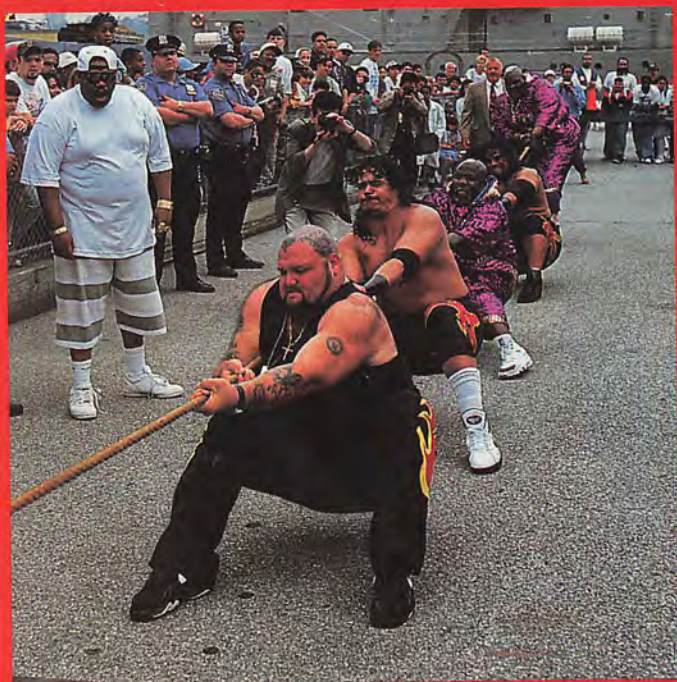
Former Federation Champion and NCAA Wrestling Champion Bob Backlund donated his time at the Midwood High School Annual Wrestling Awards Dinner at Perry's Restaurant in Brooklyn, New York.

The Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase made an appearance at the Walter Payton Golf Tournament in Chicago, Illinois, earlier this summer. The tournament benefited the Hallas Payton Foundation.



*The Bad Guy had a good time at the Nassau Coliseum.*





Federation team won the D-Day Challenge aboard USS Intrepid.

## Superstars Answer D-Day Challenge

On June 6, many countries throughout the world observed the 50th anniversary of D-Day, a monumental allied offensive that played a significant part in ending World War II in Europe in 1944. The media, in all its forms, covered D-Day's 50th anniversary as veterans of the World War II alliance traveled to Normandy and Omaha Beach and tried to relive such a fleeting, and lethal, moment in time.

While the world tuned in to the myriad D-Day observances, thousands turned out to see superstars of the World Wrestling Federation battle members of the United States Marines, Navy, Army and Coast Guard in a tug-of-war aboard the USS Intrepid in New York City. The event, known as the D-Day Challenge, was a struggle in every sense of the word.

The Federation team consisted of the Head Shrinkers, Bam Bam Bigelow and Mo and Mabel of Men on a Mission. Sounds like oil and water, right? Regardless of their ideologies in the ring, the Federation team merged their strength and overcame the American servicemen, who—after all—represented military factions that don't always see eye to eye, such as Army personnel and the Marines.

## Undertaker's Tombstoned Coming Soon!



Undertaker in a new mag!

Don't forget *Tombstoned: The Book According to the Undertaker*—a special magazine that encapsulates the Grim Reaper's wrestling career—will be available at newsstands everywhere on October 4.

Look for *Tombstoned: The Book According to the Undertaker*, and learn about the souls he's eradicated since he crept into the Federation many moons ago.

## The Macho Man and Charlie Daniels

During a visit in Baltimore this past spring, Randy Savage met legendary country-rock singer/musician Charlie Daniels. Daniels was overheard saying he's been a major Federation fan, while Savage proudly cited Charlie as one of his favorite musicians of all time. Daniels, who heads the Charlie Daniels Band, has made the songs *The Devil Went Down to Georgia* and the *Legend of Wolly Swamp* favorites for millions around the world.

Lowdown also learned from *Live Event News* that Trevor Rabin—guitarist and lyricist of the band Yes—played the *Star Spangled Banner* at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, California, a venue that hosted the *WrestleMania Revenge Tour* this past spring. Rabin, who is currently touring the world with Yes in support of its recently released *Talk* LP, stepped between the ropes and dazzled thousands with his musical mastery.

Country-rocker Charlie Daniels got a taste of Macho Madness.





# PIN em DOWN

**Q** Why don't you hire Paul [unclear] your manager? Tony Fox, Lake [unclear] Pennsylvania

**A** Because Adam Bomb—the Dean of Destruction—has had enough of managers. Guys like Johnny Polo or Harvey Wippleman didn't do a thing to make me a more destructive force in the World Wrestling Federation, and neither will a guy like Paul Bearer. From now on, destruction will only be wrought by Adam Bomb!



## QUESTION:

DOINK, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO TO DOUBLE J JEFF JARRETT, ESPECIALLY AFTER WHAT HE DID TO DINK? DANNY RESTIVO, WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

## ANSWER:

WHAT I'M GONNA DO TO DOUBLE J WON'T BE ANYTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT, DANNY. DOUBLE J THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY FUNNY WHEN HE HUMILIATED MY LITTLE BUDDY ON THE KING'S COURT, AND HE THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY FUNNY WHEN HE TRIED TO CLOWN-NAP DINK DURING MY KING OF THE RING QUALIFYING MATCH. THE SONG WILL BE OVER WHEN DOUBLE J MEETS ME IN THE RING, AND THAT'S NO JOKE.



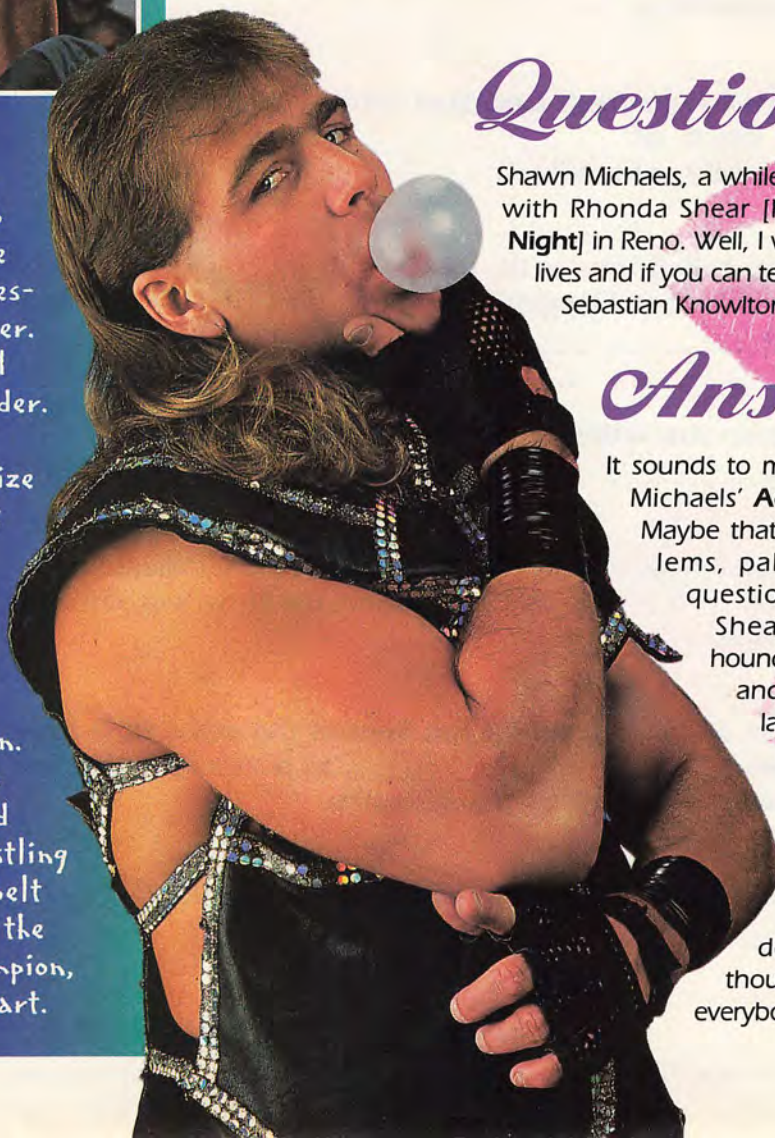


Owen Hart, did your brother Bret really make you wrestle under a mask as the Blue Blazer?

Michael Essany,  
Valparaiso, Indiana



I wouldn't lie about something like that. Bret was—and is—so jealous of me that he **FORCED** me to wrestle as the Blue Blazer. He was afraid that I would steal his thunder. He was afraid that people would recognize me as the best Hart in the Hart wrestling family. That's why Bret did it, and that's why Bret will pay when I get him in the ring again. He will pay with his wrestling career and with his World Wrestling Federation Title, a belt that belongs around the waist of a real champion, the Rocket Owen Hart.



**QUESTION**

Diesel, you say that no one can beat you, but you are wrong. Dead wrong. The man who can beat you stands 6' 10" and weighs 328 pounds. He calls Death Valley his home and he answers to the name of the Undertaker. Alan Wong, San Leandro, California

Are you kidding me or what? The Undertaker beating Big Daddy Cool? It'll never happen, pal. I stand 7 feet tall and weigh 330 pounds, and I've been cutting through the competition like a hot knife going through butter. I am the Intercontinental Champion, and it should be against the law to be as bad as the Big D. That's all I have to say about you and the Undertaker.

**ANSWER**



## Question

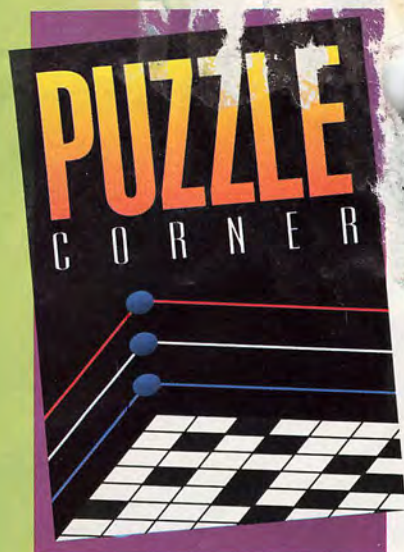
Shawn Michaels, a while ago you went on a date with Rhonda Shear [hostess of USA's **Up All Night**] in Reno. Well, I was wondering where she lives and if you can tell me?

Sebastian Knowlton, Long Beach, California

## Answer

It sounds to me as if you need Shawn Michaels' **Advice to the Lovelorn**. Maybe that will settle all your problems, pal. But, to answer your question as to where Rhonda Shear—a woman who has hounded Shawn Michaels night and day since our first date last year—lives, the answer is no way, Jose. You see, the Heartbreak Kid's black books are strictly confidential and for my eyes only, so you're just gonna have to wonder about her and all my thousands of female fans like everybody else.





# History in the Making

BY LARRY HUMBER

Federation history is being made all the time, but many of the really big happenings have taken place at the annual extravaganzas—*WrestleMania*, *SummerSlam*, the *Survivor Series* and the *Royal Rumble*. Eight historic moments are described below. One of them took place at each of these spectacles—*WrestleMania 2*, the 1993 *Survivor Series*, *SummerSlam '89*, *WrestleMania IX*, the 1991 *Royal Rumble*, *SummerSlam '92*, *WrestleMania IV* and the 1994 *Royal Rumble*. It is up to you to put them in the proper order.

The entire Hart clan—Bret, Owen, Bruce and Keith, with father Stu in their corner—was on hand for \_\_\_\_\_. The Harts triumphed, but not without alienating Owen.

Macho Man Randy Savage worked overtime at \_\_\_\_\_, fighting four times in a single evening. His reward—the Federation Championship.

National Football League stars battled it out with the Federation's best at \_\_\_\_\_. It was the late Andre the Giant who finally prevailed.

What was called "one of the most disgusting displays of blatant interference of all time" enabled Sgt. Slaughter to get the prize he was after—the Federation Championship—at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thanks to the wiles of manager Mr. Fuji, Yokozuna grabbed the Federation Title at \_\_\_\_\_. But his reign as Champion lasted only minutes.

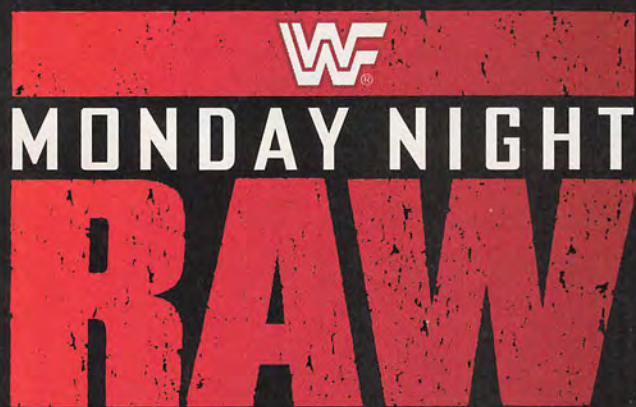
More than 80,000 fans packed London's Wembley Stadium for \_\_\_\_\_, which had a bit of everything, including the crowning of the first British Intercontinental Champion.

Bret Hart and Lex Luger hit the floor at the same time to wrap up the 30-man donnybrook at \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, both were declared victorious and given a shot at the Championship.

The fearsome Zeus and partner Randy Savage got much the worst of it at \_\_\_\_\_.



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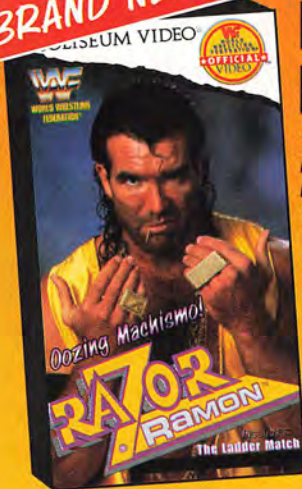
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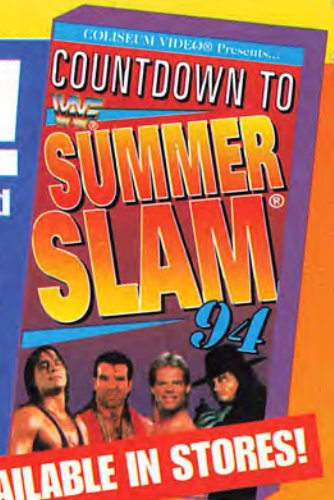
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